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[Music] republicans have drawn blood in the tennessee senate race dr bill frist upsetting and ousting incumbent jim sasser a very big republican gained jim sasser was planning to run for leader of the democrats in the senate and in the second tennessee senate seat open the republican fred thompson has defeated the democrat this is two wins two republican wins for the republicans democrat jim cooper not very close to president clinton was the author of a competing health care plan in the oklahoma senate race the winner is jim inhofe the republicans make a pickup there bill that's a pickup two for the republicans defeating dave mccurdy the president the chairman of the democratic leadership council a moderate democratic organization another pickup for the republicans in the state of maine congresswoman olympia snow wins the main seat that's george mitchell's seat he'll be leaving the senate and he'll be turning over his seat to a republican in massachusetts cnn tonight declares incumbent edward kennedy the winner finally some good news for the democrats once thought endangered republicans fantasized about beating him they did not do it and in missouri the republicans hang on to a seat that was vacated by republican john ashcroft the winner but john ashcroft the republican was going to the senate is much more conservative than the senator danforth he's replacing in maryland cnn declares paul sarbanes the incumbent the democrat the winner he beat bill brock as former senator from tennessee who wanted to become the new senator from maryland and another democrat hangs on in the state of connecticut joseph lieberman he's the incumbent he has won never in any serious trouble he is a moderate democrat let's go to delaware in that senate race the winner william roth the incumbent will go back to washington democrats had some dreams of defeating bill roth he's over he's 73 years old i think because of his longevity but he survived in the state of texas the republicans hold on to the senate seat held by kay bailey hutchison she had some legal

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bailey hutchison she had some legal problems but she got through them and she's been elected now to her first full term in the united states senate and as our viewers are digesting all those numbers let's take a look and see what the scorecard looks like going into the election tonight the republicans held 44 senate seats the democrats 56 seats 22 races are undecided 41 in the republican column and 37 democrats bill these are uh significant moves up for the republican 5c gained by the republicans so far two in tennessee oklahoma maine and we reported earlier in ohio that's five out of the seven they need to get a republican majority in the united states senate they're getting closer and we should know perhaps in the next hour whether it's going to happen that's right all right we've got some other numbers we want to take a look at in massachusetts uh the governor's race this is not going to be a surprise william well the republican incumbent has held on bill schneider that's impressive because massachusetts is one of the most democratic states in the country and he's a republican in michigan's gubernatorial race the winner john engler the incumbent of republican yes he is a very popular republican he did a lot to change the school financing system he's unpopular with the

teachers in michigan but he won anyway and in illinois no surprise jim edgar hangs on to that seat for the republicans he defeated a woman democrat don clark netsch she's a lakefront liberal candidate who talked about raising taxes to pay for education in kansas a pickup by the republicans bill graves yes that's an important pick up for the governor in kansas he replaces joan finney a democratic woman governor who decided not to run for another term and in the neighboring state of oklahoma frank keating picks up this seat it was an open seat he picks it up that's right the democratic vote split there was a an independent candidate formerly a democrat who split the democratic vote in oklahoma in virginia that senate race north and rom still too close to call with 27 percent of our

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percent of our total in rob continues slightly ahead of oliver north with independent marshall coleman trailing behind we're also still counting the votes in the state of florida we only have 3 percent of the precincts reporting at this hour 52 000 to 50 000 jeb bush is ahead at this hour but it is very early in the counting in west virginia the senate race no surprise here robert byrd will be going back to washington for the uptick time that's the ultimate test of incumbency he's trying to move the entire federal capital to west virginia piece by piece a lot of pork barrel spending in west virginia all right bill what some governors uh any real surprises in this collection of uh results i think the kansas governor that went to a republican has been for surprise although it's a very republican state uh that looked like it might be a tight race uh and uh the uh we're still seeing a very tight race in florida some of the early polls show that lawton childers should win that race but he's got a real tough fight on his hands with jeb bush watergate lawyer actor fred thompson going to washington he wore a red plaid shirt in the campaign he rented a pickup truck and campaigned around the state trying to look normal there are those who say the white house isn't too sad to see representative cooper lose that race because he wasn't on the team with bill clinton and he seemed to lose a lot of democratic support of course they need his vote in the senate to keep a majority and they're sad in that on that account they could keep a majority without cooper in the senate i think the white house would be happy to do that one of the states where we're still counting some numbers is in texas where the senate race remains unresolved cnn's tony clark is at richards headquarters tony what are the richards people saying to you at this hour well right now everybody is concerned cautious awaiting right now the polls across texas in much of texas have closed but in areas that are very important to the richards campaign like el paso the polls are still open chuck mcdonald campaign press spokesman for ann

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campaign press spokesman for ann richards and you can hear the the band has just started up here are there reasons to be optimistic the governor said she's cautiously optimistic yeah tony there are in el paso the vote looks good in south texas it's up five to eight percent across the board the turnout we've got big weights and the last three hours of voting in traditional democratic strongholds in our major cities so that's very encouraging if if turnout's up it could be very good brand richard the governor said this afternoon that most of her supporters many of her supporters would be coming out in the afternoon she said they are working people and you say what you're seeing is a large number coming out that's right we were very relieved to see the lines start forming in the working parts of town all over texas that's real encouraging it's going to be a long night but i think we're going to win this thing but even at that it should be a long night yeah it's going to be a close race el paso get out there and vote thank you very much it should be a long night this is one of the tight races of the of the evening i'm tony clark and ann richards headquarters back to the national desk tony you're going to need some earplugs before this night is over mike capps is in austin too he's at the george bush headquarters what's it like there mike well bernie here at the george bush headquarters uh optimism and a lot of confidence to be quite honest with you uh that in in spite of the fact that uh george w bush the uh the son of uh former president george bush is running against a woman who arguably was the most popular governor in texas since john conley this day has been confident a day of confidence for mr bush but it's also been a day of levity uh it seems that he went away from his home this morning on his way to vote and

realized he left his voter registration card at home but they let him vote anyway with me is karen hughes who is the communications director for the bush campaign he's made a lot of this business of having to redefine himself in light of his father and i know you

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in light of his father and i know you had a lot to do with that how did you do it well actually i didn't do it george bush did it he deserves all the credit in the world i think what he did mike was he delivered to texas a very specific and very positive constructive message of change if the network polls are true and george ends up winning tonight this will be a mandate for change in texas he talked about better schools in texas he talked about reducing crime building safer neighborhoods safer streets and he talked about reforming a welfare system that's spawned a cycle of dependency on government what's happened here in texas i mean it arguably things are going pretty well why change well again i don't think things are going that well george bush said all along that if you're happy with the status quo you should not be for him uh what texans said today is they are not happy they think we can do better they can we can do a better job of educating our children and of protecting our innocent citizens from violent crime particularly gang violence and the rising incidents of youth violent crime thank you very much karen hughes communications director of the george w bush campaign now back to the national office thank you mike all right we're going to come back in a minute and talk to bill schneider about some interesting exit poll information we're getting that's right and throughout this night at the bottom of your screen you'll be seeing results as we get them in we'll put them out to you so you can be brought up to speed on other races as we report to you back in a moment [Music] on this election night with so many close races to keep an eye on we are not just looking bernie and bill at the raw vote totals we're also looking at interviews that were done with voters as they came away from the polling places today and bill schneider you are keeping a close eye for us on what these voters were telling the

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on what these voters were telling the people who were asking the questions and we can find out why certain candidates won and why they're not doing too well let's look at massachusetts ted kennedy won that state women voters in massachusetts they were just over half the voters voted for kennedy 62-38 over mitt romney and as we can see they provided his margin of victory because among men voters in massachusetts it was a tie women were the key to kennedy's victory in massachusetts another reason why kennedy won 58 percent of the voters in massachusetts approved to president clinton's performance and they voted about four to one for kennedy over romney this is clinton's best state of all the states we exit poll today and that was another reason that's where clinton's support helped kennedy immensely now let's look at the state of texas where ann richards and other democrats in trouble among women voters there richards has a very narrow lead over george bush she did 19 points better among women the last time she ran in 1990 men are voting 57 for george bush now the 1992 perot voters remember that perot endorsed ann richards campaigned with ann richards what happened to the 1992 parole voters in texas they're voting for the republican for george bush they're not following the lead of ross perot in that race another reason why anne richards is in trouble and finally in tennessee jim sasser was defeated for reelection why because the top issue in tennessee was the voters felt it was time for a change that was the top issue and almost all of them voted for the republican candidate bill frist who won that election and defeated the incumbent judy all right let's go down to the interchangeable goals to take a closer look bruce bernie first of all a look at massachusetts on a night when so many republicans are winning it seems only fair to pay a little attention to massachusetts where one of the aging democratic lions edward moore kennedy has won another six years kennedy pouchy haunchy looking so bad in

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kennedy pouchy haunchy looking so bad in fact that one critic referred to him as a manatee in a suit nevertheless managed to win he was helped by the debates which proved he'd set very low expectations that he could speak a sentence in english but what really started to turn the campaign around was when he

began running negative ads against his republican opponent mitt romney the kennedy-esque looking one in this race attacking what had been one of romney's strengths his ability as a businessman who was creating jobs i'd like for him to show me where these 10 000 jobs that he's created are i don't think romney's creating jobs because he took every one of them away i'd worked there 30 years and i never dreamed that i'd lose my job mitt romney says he helped create 10 000 jobs the former workers at scm in marion indiana say something else if he's created jobs i wish he could create some here you know instead of taking them away so kennedy wins in massachusetts one democratic lion who remains in the senate in tennessee though it was exactly a different kind of story bill frist the challenger wore all through the campaign what he called his lucky tie it was a u.s flag pattern tie he may now i suppose wear it when he takes the oath of office in the senate he's a heart surgeon does heart transplants was the head of the transplant unit at vanderbilt university and had never done anything in politics before and used that as one of his strengths his ads said sasha's a politician i'm not phil frist has worked the last 18 years as a heart surgeon living with people's hopes and fears and earning their trust bill frist has seen the horrors of crime and drugs and families trapped by welfare tax and spend career politicians in congress are crippling our country that's why bill frist is running for the u.s senate to retire jim sasser bill frist will put you first

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sasha said when i talked to him usually the challenger has to show why he should get your job this year it seems as if we have to show why he shouldn't and apparently he failed to do that in missouri the challenge of democratic congressman alan wheat has failed the new senator will be a republican like the retiring senator john danforth the new one is john ashcroft a former governor oddly enough ashcroft at one point wanted to be republican national chairman the job haley barbour has now he ran against barber and lost he will now have to settle for being a u.s senator which he may think is better which he may think is worse and finally one more note about virginia we could take a look at the raw vote there that's still coming in of course but as you can see with 31 percent of the precincts reporting rob has a narrow lead that doesn't really mean very much a lot more precincts to come and without knowing exactly where those votes are coming from it's hard to tell what the numbers mean rob we do know is running well where he was expected to in the washington suburbs and around norfolk rob is running well for he was expected to in the richmond area and in the western part of the state that one remains just too close to call now back to the national desk that's the balance of power that's where we started 56 democrats in the senate to 44 republicans here's what's happened so far the republicans have gained five seats the democrats obviously have lost five twenty one are undecided if the demo if the democrats lose two more if the republicans gain two more they'll be in control now back to the national desk thank you bruce and on a night when so many republicans should be singing happy days are here again one republican who worked for democrats david gergen is not singing he's very unhappy president clinton's former image fixer who went to the state department is leaving let's get the latest from our senior white house correspondent woof blitzer well bernie we've known now for several

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well bernie we've known now for several days that david gergen was going to retire was going to leave the clinton administration and go teach at duke university in north carolina today the white house has released the exchange of letters between mr gergen and president clinton in mr gergen's letter he writes to the president that he is very disappointed in the lack of bipartisanship that developed over this past year there were a few examples of good bipartisan cooperation especially involving nafta but on the whole mr gergen writes that many other times the acrimony and anger have reached what he describes as new lows in washington i know how much those times have pained you he writes to the president and indeed in the president's reply to mr clinton the president does say that his appointment of gergen was a powerful signal that he did want to have bipartisan cooperation david gergen having served in several republican administrations he laments the fact that there was not enough bipartisanship indeed as we go ahead into this post-election analysis there's no doubt that white house officials now seem resigned to losing the u.s senate that the republicans almost certainly will gain the seven seats necessary to have a majority in the u.s senate if you speak to white house officials privately as i have been throughout the course of the last couple hours

the only question now remains whether they'll lose the house of representatives as well now back to the national desk okay thanks very much wolf blitzer a reminder to you our viewers throughout our coverage tonight at the bottom of your screen there you see it the 4th congressional district in kentucky will be showing you those kinds of races throughout this night now let's take a look at some of the ball totals as they've come in in florida in the gubernatorial race bill schneider jeff bush still slightly leading only with seven percent of the precedence in that's right this is going to be a very tight race it could take us very late into the night another race the democrats are keeping a close eye on in new jersey the senate race the incumbent uh senator lautenberg is running ahead

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uh senator lautenberg is running ahead but it's only nine percent uh counted at this point yes lautenberg is seeking his third term uh he was thought of as a fairly safe incumbent uh he voted against the clinton budget for instance but that's a state that's very sensitive to the tax issue let's take a look at the matchups in michigan the former head of the republican party there spence abraham going against bob carr that is a tight race it's an open seat being given up by don regal a democratic senator it would be a republican pickup of abraham wins carr has been on the defensive in this because he's been depicted by abraham as a washington insider these states are among the ones where the polls have closed at eight o'clock eastern the pennsylvania senate race is one of the close ones we're watching uh incumbent harris wofford is being chased by the republican rick santorum wofford you remember won a dramatic special election victory in 1991 on the health care issue attorney general dick thornberg the priest healthcare issue beat attorney general dick thornberg that presaged the clinton victory in 92 rick santorum a controversial candidate very conservative in pennsylvania so much blood on the floor of this texas governor's race and richards trying to hold off a challenge from republican george w bush and this is an odd race because anne richards is a very popular governor she's very well liked but there's been such a republican surge in texas that the republicans seem to be coming to the polls to vote not necessarily against anne richards but maybe against bill clinton bill the the fact that the polls have closed doesn't mean we're going to get results in these races right away i mean no they're just they're just starting to count the votes they have different mechanisms for counting them and some are going to be so close that we won't be able to call them for quite a while sometimes we can incorporate the exit poll information we have but until we have the raw vote count we can't completely call up that's right we know anne richards is in a struggle but we don't know how this race is going to turn out ted kennedy has always read a certain hotel's ballroom on election night he's read at the ballroom again candy crowley is up in massachusetts

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crowley is up in massachusetts and she has a guest candy bernie we are indeed in what serves as the headquarters for senator kennedy on every election night that because this is a union hotel the noise you are hearing is because they have cnn on and therefore you're hearing me in all over this room in any case uh senator ted kennedy has been declared the winner by cnn and uh we've brought in some of the family and there are a lot of them in massachusetts congressman joe kennedy um you didn't even have a race you're telling me this time because you didn't have an opponent so react to me about your uncle's win well obviously i think it was a really important win for senator kennedy this is a race where uh mitt romney ran a really energetic and enthusiastic campaign came at petty very very hard but i think uh senator kennedy particularly in the debates kennedy uh showed the the kind of uh spirit that he still has and the fight that he uh wants to continue in the senate of the united states on behalf of working people and the middle class of this country this is the closest race he's had in more than three decades why well i think that if you just look across the country you see democrat after democrat at least according to the projections uh in very serious shape but particularly in the united states senate i think teddy uh stands out as uh as a as a bright and shining star when you look across the country it's the kind of numbers that he's been able to project here particularly in a small state like massachusetts where over 11 million dollars has been spent against him so i think in fact uh this is a very important and and significant victory uh for uh ted kennedy and i think that he will go uh into the senate this year really with a great deal of renewed energy to take on the fight because uh

so often the voices of the poor and the senior citizens and others in this country are ignored in washington and teddy will be there for them okay thanks so much congressman joe kennedy a winner tonight as well as his uncle senator ted kennedy back to the national desk okay thanks very much and we're ready to declare a winner in the vermont

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declare a winner in the vermont senator's race and here it is we're seeing it as you do jim jeffords the republican incumbent bill schneider well jim jeffords people thought might be in trouble jan backus his democratic opponent did something very un-vermont she ran negative ads against her to him the race was closing up but it looks like he survived results continue pouring in at the bottom of your screen we'll continue to reporting to be continue to report to you on this election night and we'll be back in a [Music] moment [Music] polls closed in the state of virginia an hour and a half ago but there is one very hot senate race in that state that we are keeping a close eye on at this hour as you can see with 46 percent of the vote counted senator rob the incumbent democrat 46 percent to oliver north 42 percent the independent marshal coleman 11 percent we're watching those numbers claire shipman is at rob headquarters in richmond i believe claire or in vienna virginia i should say and claire you've got someone you're talking to there yeah actually we're in tyson's corner and people are very excited here as you mentioned it does appear that rob has the lead at this point with us now as one of his main supporters former governor doug wilder governor wilder how are you feeling at this point are you optimistic about the numbers i am i felt all along it would be a closely contested race i felt all along that rob would win it could win it and in fact i think he will win it the important thing is that the people of virginia turned out in such large numbers to show that they were concerned as to who their representative would be i think this will help chuck rob in terms of being a better united states senator and i think to the extent that he reached out to all virginians showed that we weren't going to turn the clock back to the extent that this sets

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clock back to the extent that this sets us apart again from the rest of the country it says that virginians are unique how important do you think your support was and do you think it would have helped if you jumped in a little bit sooner well i think the fact that i jumped in might have helped but i think also uh the credits should go to those people who felt that they wanted to see us together those people who felt that we shouldn't fight and i can tell you quite frankly i didn't think that he could win if i was if i stayed in the race i knew that i couldn't win if he stayed in the race he had the money i didn't and i said it's a time for us to put aside whatever personal differences we have and unite for the betterment of virginia and the people of virginia so the credit goes to them and hopefully this trend continues and hopefully he'll win as you know this has been a particularly mean race and a season of mean races do you think whomever the victor do you think that it will be easy for virginia to get over this sort of nasty race it doesn't heal right away but i think you'll see that people understand what the ingredients are necessary to win you don't write off any group nor do you take any group for granted and for so long the republicans have not tried to reach out and bring in all elements and i've said that on so many occasions and on so many occasions also democrats take certain votes for granted i think chuck robb didn't do that this time i think the republicans continued doing what they did saying it wasn't even cost effective to campaign we paid a price for that last year here in virginia and that wasn't repeated this time and it resulted in victory how would you characterize this race's importance in terms of the country in the senate it shows you what can happen rob was on the most endangered species list no one gave him a chance people said he couldn't win and wouldn't win and it looks now that he might be one of those few people that

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people that would survive when others supposedly had safe seats it shows you that in politics nothing is certain and nothing is predictable and uh the more they exchange the more they remain the same people are in charge and i love it governor wilder thank you very much now back to the national desk when we come

back we'll take you to the senate races and the governor's races and tell you how they all stack up at this hour [Music] [Applause] [Music] defeating the republican sheffield nelson governor tucker has ethics problems because of his ties to whitewater and some small business administration loans nelson his opponent was a is a die hard clinton enemy he ran against governor clinton in 1990 tucker has pulled it out welcome to our coverage i'm bernard shaw along with judy woodruff and bill schneider let's go to bruce morton to find out what it looks like in terms of the democrats in the senate and who is going to or who will control the united states senate bruce bernie we might begin by taking a look at where we started there are 100 senators of course and when this day dawned 56 of them were democrats 44 of them were republicans now we have some races decided some still in play but here's where we are at the moment the republicans have gained 5 seats there are 20 still undecided if they gain two more if they get up to seven then they'll control the senate now back to the national desk bill schneider that's uh those numbers are very encouraging for the republicans they certainly are and the democrats have not managed to capture a single seat formerly held by the republicans so that is the full change has been five seats shifting from democratic to republican and i can just hear the wheels going around in the heads of the present chairman of the important committees in the

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of the important committees in the senate imagine robert byrd of west virginia he would be out as chairman of the appropriations committee joseph biden would leave orrin hatch the republican would take over as senate judiciary committee chairman edward kennedy whom we just reported one in massachusetts he would lose his job as chairman of labor and human resources look at pat moynihan finance bob packwood would take over there jesse helms jessie helms could become the next chairman of the senate foreign relations committee alphonse d'amato that's banking and sam nunn would be gone and guess who would be in if the republicans get two more seats strom thurman south carolina and armed services the democrats made up a poster of al d'amato jesse helms bob dole and said this is what will happen if the republicans take over the senate it could happen another set of races that both sides are keeping a very close eye on tonight are those governor's races going into tonight 36 governors were up 21 of them were democrats 14 were republicans one was an independent we're going to go now to our governor's desk and to cnn's gene missouri who's been keeping an eye on how that stacks up gene well it's looking good for the republicans right now if we look at those balance and power numbers we had 29 democrats and 20 republicans in office when this day began and we have some races already called right now including those holdovers we have 12 republicans and 10 democrats that's a net increase of 2 for the republicans 28 races are still undecided 15 races were were rated a toss-up when this day began back to the national desk okay thanks very much team missouri all right and now to uh the cuomo headquarters uh cnn's genie most is there and i think she's gonna speak to matilda cuomo is that right that's right the governor himself is upstairs here at the hotel he'll be watching the returns on television but we're here with matilda cuomo the wife of the governor for how many years well 40 years going on 41 now actually

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well 40 years going on 41 now actually so what's it feel like i mean and you notice that i haven't changed even though he says you know 12 years don't worry about it look at matilda she's with me 40 years it's a tight race i mean this is supposed to be a real squeaker how are you you feeling about this now i mean i think there were a lot of things to con we're going to interrupt this interview and come back to mrs cuomo to say we are ready to declare a winner in the virginia senate race he is the incumbent chuck robb a big victory for the democrats over the republican oliver north and a sweet victory for the democrats because there are that oliver north was the most controversial candidate this was the hottest race in the country would virginia voters send oliver north to the united states senate he had a lot of support from conservative activists christian conservatives but it looked like he had just as many enemies rob has made it ah we should be careful of the words we utter this morning as he came out of the polling booth oliver north said that president clinton would have excedrin headache number 10. and on inside politics when we talked to george stephanopoulos i said what do you think about north's comet stephanopoulos said oliver north will have

excedrin headache number one 12. so now we know who's going to have the headache this is a very good night for republicans generally but this is a very bitter pill for them to swallow the loss of virginia speaking of pills now we want to go back to genie most in her interview with the first lady of the state of new york matilda cuomo back to you genie okay and you heard that news oliver north was defeated so very exciting and i'm so happy that's a good good omen that's good so in your race it's a squeaker are you are you folks nervous or what how's the governor feeling no we're optimistic because i think it boils down to what's best for me my family the children of the future and this is the governor has great leadership i tell you i mean he has when we talk about integrity we use these words i mean he really has integrity and he doesn't say things simplistically or to make them sound good because you want to hear it that way but it's misleading it's deceptive he wouldn't do that and i think you know he also has led this state that is a

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he also has led this state that is a national he's made a national impact on the whole country because most of our state programs and services under the decade of the child which also as a governor i'm so proud of him no other governor has started anything like this you you sort of made some news yourself during this campaign i mean you called the mr pataki the main opponent of the governor you called him a lightweight you said he was tin compared to your husband's gold i mean did you really say in fact you know acknowledge this power and if people were to really consider the facts they would realize that there is no comparison this governor has a really solid uh record and a sense of accomplishments that he has that you can't take away from the governor and we're going to build on those accomplishments and the continuity that we will have to do more and bet better things for our families and children because you can't compare this state with utah or nebraska or connecticut we have a lot of complex problems here we have people who speak 178 languages and as you know and so we're larger than countries can i ask are you sorry and is he sorry he didn't run for president well that's behind us i'm telling you we're looking ahead but the fact is he opted to stay here for another four years and build on his accomplishments and really lead us into some real good quality of life you know actually uh you look at his record you look at the other fellow's records now that you mentioned what i said it's for good reason because i'm telling the people who haven't voted yet they have a little more time to vote please vote thank you very much and we should say the polls in new york are still open another 20 minutes that's right that's it from here back to the national desk and until they close we can't talk about exit polls from new york but you have an observation about the senate races well there have been five senate seats that have changed hands all from democratic to republican but four of those seats were open races in which no incumbent was running only one incumbent was defeated for the united states senate that was democrat jim sasser he was from tennessee where there was also an open race on the ballot at the same time in the two races that have changed hands for governors where seats have gone from democratic to

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where seats have gone from democratic to republican they were both open seats so it looks like the republicans are making gains but so far almost all of their gains except for sasser have been in open races where no incumbent was running all right i would just quickly add you can imagine vice president al gore very depressed to see his old seat go over to the republican side in tennessee now that's right a shutout for the democrats a lot of polls have closed in more than half the states the polls have closed we've got a lot of votes to count a lot of exit polls to examine we're going to continue to do that when we come right back [Music] it was just about eight minutes ago that cnn declared the incumbent democratic senator of virginia chuck robb the winner in his state defeating oliver north the republican challenger we have two live reports first we want to go to north headquarters and to cnn's gene randall gene judy i don't think you'll find too many of oliver north supporters in this room at the richmond center ready to concede that north has lost his bitter campaign for the u.s senate against the incumbent charles robb at the same time it is a very subdued crowd despite the music you might hear in the background this crowd has been watching a number of monitors all night long and with each new projection that chuck robb was the winner the crowd got quieter there were several hints during the day of anxiety inside the north camp examples when the turnout was very heavy in

richmond i was told earlier today that is not good news for oliver north we were also told we would not see the candidate until he was either ready to accept or make a victory statement or to accept the fact that he had lost and make a concession statement now it appears that the projections are

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now it appears that the projections are correct he'll be doing the latter although not just yet let's go to claire schiffman at rob headquarters in northern virginia claire what are you there's been a lot of excitement here in the room uh over the last 10 or 15 minutes a lot of different television reports that rob has won the race people have been cheering uh rob is not expected here for about another 45 minutes and his supporters are still trickling in really i don't think anybody expected it to be announced so early a couple of hours ago they were saying they expected to be here until late in the night waiting for the results talking about maybe a two percent margin so this is really something of a surprise and again quite a bit of excitement here but not all of the supporters are here yet uh still a fairly small crowd i'm claire shipman reporting live from the ritz carlton in virginia well it sounds like some people are still shell-shocked at respective headquarters but uh exit polling is telling us a lot about why people voted the way they voted and who yes what happened in virginia apparently from the exit poll is that the moderate vote in virginia went for chuck robb by two to one oliver north did not come across as much of a moderate they have they hold the balance of power in most states and they went heavily for the incumbent chuck robb and we also found in the exit poll that the black vote in virginia was overwhelmingly for the democrat chuck robb and it counterbalanced the very heavy turnout among christian conservative voters who went just as heavily for the republican oliver north we have so utterly much to report to you tonight we're going to continue doing it when we come back and when we come back we're going to hear from the capital gang [Music] [Applause] welcome to washington i'm al hunt and we're the capital gang my colleague

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we're the capital gang my colleague robert novak probably more than anyone you have been calling this tidal wave now for weeks you have written it and you are now reveling with it entirely but there's even some joy for the democrats because they apparently have knocked off ali north in virginia and you know that even brings some joy to republicans a lot of republicans have said we'd love to get the senate we'll come back to them in a minute we have a result we have a winner that is in the tennessee governor's race where republican don sundquist was running here he is he's we're declaring him the winner this is an open seat and it is a pickup for the republicans defeating the mayor of nashville john breed bredesen yes in many ways this was a race between the memphis area representative and bredesen the nashville mayor the republican who won his campaigning was campaigning against the state income tax a bitter bitter defeat for al gore he's seen the state of tennessee elect two republican senators and a republican governor tonight a sweep bob novak we caught you with your mouth open we're sorry we had breaking news back to the capitol gang in washington well i was talking about the senate bernie because the the definitive moment of the evening was when two republicans were elected to the senate tonight from tennessee and the most amazing thing is dr frist beating jim sasser who was about to become the majority leader of the senate democratic leader of the senate jim sasser a liberal labor lawyer respected senator that kind of democracy that kind of democratic senator in the south is finished now well that kind of senator is not finished in new england however because one of the real old war horses may be the the biggest of all edward m kennedy three weeks ago they said he's in deep trouble one big margaret one old whale survived uh you know if if kennedy had been 20 pounds lighter and 20 years younger romney would have never moved ahead in this race because at the beginning that's all he had he simply said this guy is too old let's get rid of him but when kennedy got back and started campaigning uh he quickly closed in on him and the ads showing romney's business record where they went

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romney's business record where they went to the plant and had all these people saying he came in he took he bought the plan he took away our health insurance he took away our pensions this really turned the tide for kennedy in massachusetts also it's one of the few places where clinton is popular one of the the slowest results to come in of course of the house races it may be the most important election of the evening the early returns however though are really encouraging for the republicans yes um so far there are results coming in from kentucky from georgia uh and it's looking very good for the republicans in indiana three races picked up in indiana um look the tide is going in the direction of republican incumbents the notion that this is an anti-incumbent fever is wrong it's an anti-democrat fever anti-liberal democrats especially though there are some moderate democrats who unfortunately are going to be swamped in this wave but if you look at the mood of the evening you see that those people who are in trouble liberal democrats and i would argue that the meaning of this election even though we haven't yet seen all the election results is that liberal the the liberal elite are being ousted it's not clear what they're being replaced with yet it pains me to say it but i agree with her uh it's hard i think if you're if you're a liberal democrat if you're sitting in the white house uh margaret it must be impossible to come up with a with any kind of real rationalization it's just a stinging defeat and you know the the jill congresswoman joe long who uh was elected to fill the seat of danny quayle in indiana originally in a big upset uh that her defeat i think is the everybody was watching that as the as the barometer race in the country indiana counselor ballots very fast everybody said if jill long he survives the republicans won't carry the house if joe long is defeated they have a very good chance to carry the house bob you said earlier that uh sasser was on his way to becoming a majority leader i think we all have a democratic leader right now we got to change our nomenclature how big that wave was the other thing there's still some governance in big governors races that we don't know the outcome very close georgia and florida the polls

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very close georgia and florida the polls have closed but the races are too close to call as of now uh margaret that'll be crucial whether the democrats can hold on to any of those big governorships right and and it looks like they won't i mean in a lot of places i mean republicans uh will definitely win uh the florida and texas the bush boys uh were dead even with childs and richards uh i think childs no no um the only place where they've counted ballots so far is in florida not in texas and it's a very close race and the uh in florida it's virtually a dead heat child looks to be a little bit ahead but the feeling the the general feeling i get caught from texas is that george w bush is going to win this let me see if i can get a consensus amount that this was basically a rejection of liberal democrats as opposed to an affirmation or a or a vote for any any kind of uh republican or well i think i think it puts the republicans in a position where the electorate is saying to them show us you know we are giving you an opportunity now to show what you're made of i think the contract with america helped i think that the republican party is now involved i think it didn't nationalize this race and it showed the republican party had a program for the future and this was a race full of issues everybody said there's no issues in this race it was just dirt oh my goodness have i ever saw a big government against the little government that's what this race was the other thing is this this race really this election really shows that the regionalization of politics the solid south is now the republican south this would not be such a bad election for the for the democrats if it were not for the devastating defeats they're taking in their former uh heartland with the south propagation for the for the democrats if it were not for the devastating defeats they're taking in their former uh heartland with the south the contract for the future early was to go back to 1981 wasn't it right i mean i i think they the republicans are winning despite the contract with america not because of it i think it'll be interesting to see tomorrow what clinton says uh in his statement how he deals with this if he takes part of the blame himself i think it will really help rather than blaming it on the congressional

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blaming it on the congressional democrats but i can see the revisionist history has begun already this week which the revisionist version of this election is going to go like this that it was not a victory for republicans it was not a victory for conservative ideas that it was all dirty politics and negative campaigning and that's not true if you look at the uh the races there were just as many dirty ads that were run against republicans i think

that would be a mistake you're the embodiment of the liberal mind because i tell you why in the liberal body because because yeah family hour yes because when you talk about the attack on the contract with america uh being a success it wasn't a success it failed but you say gee it sounded so good it made us feel so good we should have done it but it didn't it didn't work for the democrats when they trashed the contract which included things people like the uh line item veto the balanced budget amendment term but when but when i was pointing out what they'd have to do to balance the budget i i think that was a big that was a that that was a lot of guesswork but barbara didn't worry of course the problem is it didn't add up but i want to tell you man i agree with you the democrats were just as irresponsible as the republicans in an awful lot of these races this is al hunt saying that we will be back in two hours to shed some more heat maybe a little bit of light now back to bernie and judy thank you al always light i almost said heat uh we'll have the latest on the races and larry king live with some guests right after this local cable break [Music] [Applause] [Music] welcome to a special edition of larry king live in just a moment the heads of the republican and democratic parties haley barber and david wilhelm will be joining me but first an election night update out of atlanta

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in new mexico cnn declares a winner incumbent jeff bingaman the republican going back to washington in wyoming a senate seat that was open the republican is the winner craig thomas in new york no surprise here democratic incumbent daniel patrick moynihan the winner and here's how the senate stacks up at this hour we're calling it the senate scorecard going into tonight 56 democrats 44 republicans at this hour 13 still undecided 44 republicans 43 democrats the republicans continue to collect those wins now bill schneider uh what do you make of uh this bingaman win in uh in new mexico and the republican uh hanging on to the wyoming senate seat well no no big surprises there the war in the west is an issue in a lot of the western states and there was it was thought that bingham might be on the defensive because of it he's an incumbent he won and the republicans held the open seat in wyoming you know there have been five turnovers four have been in open seats held by democrats only one incumbent has been defeated jim sassar i wonder if he had been if he would have been defeated if he didn't also have an open seat in tennessee now the republicans have picked up five senate seats they need two more there are two more open democratic seats that are still in play one is in michigan the other is in arizona if those two seats go republican as other open seats have that would give the republicans a majority cnn is ready to declare a winner in that new jersey senate race frank lautenberg the incumbent will go back to washington and uh governor's race in the state of new york uh the uh we're still counting those votes mario cuomo the democratic incumbent holding on at this hour bill this is an important state mario cuomo is fighting for his life his fourth consecutive term in new york he wants to beat the record of nelson rockefeller who didn't quite make it through all four terms

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through all four terms cnn is ready to declare a winner in nebraska's race not a winner but you can see that bob carey the 51 euro incumbent the veteran the winner of the congressional medal of honor and james tony the republican challenger from omaha a retired phone company executive bob carey this uh he's favored to win this race he's not very close to president clinton and that may be helping him in nebraska and in the state of minnesota a place that democrats and republicans have a close eye we're still counting the votes and winia the democrat is running against the republican rod grams there is an independent candidate in this race who is a factor bill that's right this is one of the most polarized state races in the country graham's is a strong conservative winner is the house majority leader she is a very ardent liberal and the democrats are hoping to win this seat from the republicans that would be the first time this evening that happens in colorado cnn declares incumbent governor roy romer has been reelected tonight and that's a victory also for ross perot roy romer was one of the democrats whom perrault endorsed for reelection and we're ready to declare a winner in the minnesota governor's race arne carlson the incumbent republican not really a surprise bill schneider not a surprise his problem was biggest in the primary where he had to win a primary against um alan quist who was the endorsed candidate uh by the convention that was controlled by christian conservatives he defeated him in the primary and from then on he looked like he was safe well they're stacking up yes they're stacking him up right now by i can't haven't counted it we had 26 states an hour ago

and now i think we're up to we must be up to well over 35 or so bill let's mull over these exit polls um and we should tell you if you're just joining cnn we declared that oliver north did not knock off chuck robb the incumbent senate democrat chuck robb will be going back to washington so far no official comment one way or the other

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official comment one way or the other from either the challenger or the incumbent that's right what about those exit polls bill what are we seeing in the races that we've been able to uh to tally at this hour well let's take a look at the virginia race the hottest race of this season where we see moderates uh among moderate voters chuck robb beat oliver north two to one that's a very big swing especially for an incumbent now uh was iran contra a factor in your senate vote 60 said yes it was what about senator rob's personal life that was the issue that uh north used against him only 40 thought that was a serious issue so clearly north's negatives were more serious among voters who said the top issue was honesty and ethics now here is the surprise rob beat north by over three to one clearly honesty and ethics was a more serious problem for oliver north among virginia voters than among senator rob all right in wyoming cnn is ready to declare a winner in that gubernatorial race we're waiting to see who it is this is a pick up uh bill and judy jim garringer the republican that's right in that race the incumbent sullivan the democrat is running for the senate and he lost that senate race in the state of arizona we're still counting votes in that governor's race between fife symington the incumbent republican uh the democrat mr basha and the independent mr buttrick it's close racing simington is one of the only two republican incumbent governors who may be in some trouble because he had some savings and loan problems uh eddie bash is a chain store owner and a non-politician who's running a very strong race out there thanks for correcting the pronunciation the polls have just closed in arizona we want to show you a match up in the united states senate uh coppersmith sam coppersmith is being challenged by uh john kyle a u.s congressman

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uh john kyle a u.s congressman and as i say the polls just closed in this and it's too soon to tell you who's going to come out on top but this is an open seat and this is one of the ones the republicans are counting on to put them over the top this is the seat being given up by dennis de cancini a democrat if it goes republican that would be another republican gain towards their goal of seven in the state of new hampshire we're ready to declare a winner the republicans are holding on to the state house governor steve merrill holds on he is the republican and he is going to remain in office no surprise there he's running this one of the few states that has a two-year term he's running for another two-year term remember that name steve merrill he could be very very important new hampshire republican concept for the presidency what steve merrell does two years from now could make a lot of difference in whom the republicans nominate in that tight tight florida gubernatorial race this is the raw vote picture at seven minutes past nine eastern time we're not ready to declare a winner in this race but you can see jeb bush is leading incumbent lawton child's 51 percent to 49 with 23 only 23 percent of the precincts reporting bill well let's move on to the other bush brother and that is george w bush in texas challenging the incumbent democrat ann richards at this hour with only seven percent of the vote reporting uh george w bush is ahead bill both of the bush brothers are running very strong in those states uh and uh you know in many ways those states have seen a republican surge because clinton is very unpopular in those two states and one way to show your opposition to clinton is to vote for someone named bush i just wanted to say very quickly before we go back to larry king live you talked about this being the first time two republican senators from tennessee have existed there since 1976 when howard baker and bill brock held the seats ironically sasser defeated brock that year tonight paul sarbanes the incumbent democrat in maryland defeated bill brock who was challenging him for that seat that's right brock wanted to be one of the only two men in american history to be senator from two different states

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to be senator from two different states larry king live with guests in washington larry an interesting night you betcha bernie and the guests are right on top of things they've got information i don't think we have yet david wilhelm is chairman of the democratic national committee haley barbour chairman of the republican national committee first spin first spin the american people in 1992 voted for change in 1994 they're voting for change again they're frustrated with the pace of change and one way or the other together we've got to deliver the change the american people want and i think that's the message tonight what's the message bill clinton said if you like the direction i'm taking the country you need to vote for the democrats and we said we thought the country wasn't going in the right direction and i think what the american people did tonight was they rejected clinton's policies and they embraced republican ideas that government ought to be smaller not larger taxes ought to be lower not higher and we ought to rely more on individual freedom and personal responsibility instead of government power and government responsibility and and i would say this i would say this people are frustrated with the pace of change but we have begun to change government is smaller to change well i'm afraid that it is i think ironically people have voted for the very party tonight that is frustrated change it every step of the way the republicans had a very clear strategy they've been extraordinarily disciplined and i'd say extraordinarily cynical over the past 20 months they keep stopping everything believing that this party would wear the jacket senator maybe he said that when the gop takes control of the senate by the way will they tonight take control it appears so larry i mean i don't count my chickens until they hatch yeah i'm not going to concede anything as long as there are polls open so people out there on the west coast turn it all around senator dole said he will call president clinton tonight meet with him at his earliest convenience and begin a bipartisan approach to the next two years and he expected newt gingrich whether he is house majority leader or minority leader to do the same do you i do and and i hope president clinton will accept the verdict of the american people

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people i mean this has been a very clear choice uh when republicans issued their contract with america and said look here's what we want to do we could have just run against clinton we could have just said clinton's bad he's terrible throw him out but instead we said if you elect us here's what we want to do we want to offer you a different agenda an agenda of smaller government lower taxes and people have rendered their verdict tonight and i hope president clinton's response will be to say hey people have spoken they want to go in a different direction i'm going to work with the republicans the republicans are ready to work with him we worked with him on nafta and we're ready to work with any democrat lots of democrats agree with us let me get a break and we'll come right back with david wilhelm and haley barbara they're our guests for the full hour on this special edition of larry king live on election night don't go away we will be including your phone calls our party chairman will be with us for the full hour and on the bottom of the screen results as they come in already have won tonight senator ted kennedy jeff bingaman wins in new mexico chuck robb wins in virginia our guest of the two party chairman biggest surprise so far haley well i think the biggest surprise is if the republicans sweep everything in tennessee uh that's a that is an incredible turnaround to win a governorship in two senate races there were all democrats going in we've called a sweep in tennessee we've called the tenant you don't call that yet you don't see it from you i haven't seen it they came in with the tennessee government that to win a sweep in tennessee is a huge surprise well i'm glad to see chuck robb uh apparently win the virginia race yeah because ollie north uh a week ago looked like a winner i think the national republicans thought he was a winner that race was turned around in the last weekend

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turned around in the last weekend and chuck robb's victory tonight is good news exactly if uh if rob in fact has won it would be a turnaround in the last few days and and and probably means a very very large turnout in the state yeah there was a big turnout in richmond they said that was interesting that's been a large turnout northern virginia i think there was a large turnout in northern virginia's defeat who'll be the minority leader if the republicans take control well i don't i don't know i can't speak for the senate democrats obviously before tonight senator sassar and senator senator daschle were waging a very competitive battle for senate majority leader i would guess that tom daschle has the edge uh in a race for minority leaders i know you get

your own figures in your own exit polls what are you here in florida we've got it neck and neck a very close race probably an advantage to jeb bush for two reasons it looks like our turnout's a little bit better republicans were a lot more upbeat optimistic enthusiastic about this election and the other things are over two hundred thousand absentee ballots cast in florida typically they favor the republicans by three to two or better margin connie mack you might remember lost on election day and one and after you think we might have to wait for absentees in florida it might be that close a very very tight race again a race where jeb bush was ahead two weeks ago lawton childers has battled back one of jeb bush's ads blew up on him it's going to be a very very close race we very well may need now when we head up we had up on the screen george w bush junior 14 percentage points ahead in texas both of you said that that's too early figuring out you don't know where the votes are from you don't know where the votes are from uh where are they from are they from south texas or not uh they're probably not from south texas that race is going to tighten up the key here is where like if we see wilfred ahead in pennsylvania but all those are philadelphia votes then that's not surprising that's exactly right you have to know where they came from george bush is not going to beat ann richards by 14 points i think he's going to beat her but it's going to be a close close race and i'm sure if david thinks anne's going to

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i'm sure if david thinks anne's going to win but it's going to be a close close race yeah i mean that's the thing that always drives i think that people like haley and i crazy at this point in the evening you don't know where the votes are if it says 10 on the screen and you don't know where those votes are you really don't know the outcome until you've got more votes most people are surprised at how many races we're calling over already and this is based on projections we expected a long long night is it going to be a long long night or maybe not a long long night it's going to be a long night for a lot of races larry i mean the networks do these exit polls and they are notoriously unreliable but once you take the exit polls see some returns and see a national trend then it makes some sense but they're going to be some close races they're going to be so many house races you look at me in the house now well it looks like from the early returns that we have won about every race that we hoped for 80 of what we hoped for so we're going to make big gains whether it's going to be 40 it's going to be way up in the evening until we know we're going to win a lot whether we take the house it will be late even before we know i i i don't think the republicans are going to take the house but this is a perfect example of where voters are still voting we're going to take a break and go down to atlanta here's judy woodruff judy larry we interrupt to bring you some results in a race that i know both of your guests are interested in in the senate race in the state of michigan we are prepared to call declare a winner and it is the republican this is a pickup for the republican spencer abraham the winner and larry back to you larry we're back and you oh your reaction to that i was just going to say it against you david and i were just laughing two men who ran against me for national chairman john ashcroft and spence abraham both got elected united states senator tonight aren't they lucky that i beat them that's the way i tell them you took the outpost and they got into the senate that's right they got the goodies we're going to take a break and come back with more we'll be including your phone calls this is larry king live all part of our election night coverage on the best place to cover in elections

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on the best place to cover in elections cnn don't go away to grow stronger america depends on its bounty both natural and man-made finding new ways to get these goods to market more efficiently and reliably is the noble pursuit of norfolk southern the thoroughbred of transportation [Music] in business as in life everybody's different different goals different needs the principal financial group understands we'll help you design a benefit plan as unique and individual as your company customized to give you and your employees an advantage that's the principal edge providing pension and health benefits for more small businesses than any other life insurance company so for benefits that fit your company to the letter look for the principal edge the legendary watch dial exhibited in distinguished museums around the world is the design inspiration for the movado museum collection of watches lovato sure uh since tonight's the prince company so for benefits for the movado museum collection of watches movado the museum watch projections winners losers will be with you is the biggest winner tonight before we go to phone calls right this minute john warner if the rob

thing holds up well he certainly won one big winner uh uh the rob race was he was a true profile and courage in that race i i'll i'll say as a member of the other party that was a tough thing to do you rarely see it and you see moderates in virginia voting for chuck robbins one are going to lose any committee ships

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any committee ships oh i don't know about that i think the bigger problem for senator warner is if he seeks re-election the problems he might have for the nomination let's go to call sulphur louisiana with david wilhelm and haley barbour chairman of the parties hello hello i have a question for mr wilhelm sure uh since tonight's election clearly shows mr uh clinton may be vulnerable in the next election do the democrats plan to groom another person for president in two years i i hear nothing like that see nothing like that i don't think that is likely to occur at all i think what happened in this race if i can take just a moment people want change we've turned a corner in this country we've reduced the deficit we've cut federal spending we're creating jobs but people don't see it yet in our everyday lives and i think that's a very very important point are the people saying tonight let's go back to reaganomics i really don't think so i think people are legitimately frustrated with the pace of change if you're an average person if you're a working middle-class person out there you're not standing up today yet and saying eureka the economy is great you're not saying the crime rate is reduced yet you're not saying oh it's easy for me to send kids to college but after 12 years we've made progress on every single point our our frustration i think about this race is people didn't see it yet in their everyday lives isn't it even though we had turned a corner and this is kind of true haley that off years the other party usually wins it is not anything to this magnitude you have to go back a number of years in the in the mid-term election after a new president's elected the average loss is only 14 in the house and one in the senate usually if a president gets a second term is when his party gets shellacked in the midterm elections your only fear might be a repeat of 46 48 the republicans take control truman runs against them and wins in 48 by blaming congress well you're going to have to show as dole said some cooperation you can't be beginners well it's more than that the american

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well it's more than that the american people have rendered a verdict and i know the democrats resist it but the american people have made plain what we've got to do is respond to what the american people voted for tonight if we do our job if we give them what they voted for and don't resist what they've you know one problem that the democrats have is they took their 43 of the vote in 92 as a mandate to go in a different direction from their campaign what we've got to do is we got to perform on what we said in the campaign if we do that we'll be fine if we don't do it shame on us kick us out and i would say this for 21 months we've cut the deficit people want the deficit cut we're doing it we're working it we we need to continue to work together to do that for 21 months we've been creating jobs in this country we need to continue doing that is rejecting it tonight but i think i think it is really true that people haven't felt the positive effects of the change in our everyday life the results tonight well i i certainly hope we don't i certainly hope that the uh the analysis of this is not a return to reaganomics the very policies that got us in the fix in the first place i think what we need to do is move forward with changes that are going to benefit people in their everyday lives washington d.c hello hi hi hi larry yes i have a question from mr barbour you uh claim that um that the democrats really haven't done anything uh that the american public wants but the fact is that uh 4.2 million new jobs have been created since uh president clinton took office yeah we know that do you have a question about the election the question is what uh what do you uh what does your party plan to do that the president already are you going to get more jobs well the american people think and i'm not trying to spin you you can look at the polls the american people think this economy is improving in spite of the president's policies not because of it uh the american people think government is already too big for its riches larry

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is already too big for its riches larry and they think that the money we're paying in taxes now that we're not getting our money's worth and so they were mad when they had the biggest tax increase in history they were mad when the president control uh pro proposed a government-run health care system they want to end welfare as we know it like president clinton said but they're also invaded most americans probably favored the crime bill maybe you wanted to go further but they weren't against well in fact a lot of americans what they really disliked about the crime bill is you got billions and billions of dollars of poor bear on social welfare spending had nothing to do with crime they got hung on the crime bill that's just what they hate about washington i gotta throw in a couple of facts here okay first of all government spending is down under this president it went up during the reagan bush years as a share of the gross domestic product the deficits cut for three years in a row the deficit quadrupled over the past 12 years and these are facts we need to work together to increase them david well that that may be but i do think our major problem is we've turned a corner but people don't feel it yet i think they will get a break we'll come back with david wilhelm and haley barber and more of larry king live they're with us for the full hour and more phone calls right now let's go back to our central uh headquarters there in atlanta and here he is bernard shaw bernie thank you larry cnn is ready to call a winner in the arizona senate race this was an open democratic seat the republicans pick up another seat john kyle the republican winning in arizona the seat vacated by retiring dynasty cancini in mississippi a winner the man from pascagoula trent lott the incumbent no surprise here mr lott going back to washington if the republicans do not lose any of their three open seats they will have control of the united states senate more election results and more of larry king live in a moment tonight in the crossfire fallout from

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tonight in the crossfire fallout from election 94 who's licking their wounds a special recap crossfire tonight 11 30 p.m eastern on cnn the epic quest and so far it's shaping up as a banner night for the grand ole party so far they've captured six united states senate seats that were held by the democrats the total includes both seats seven seven bob fernand our executive producer down in the control room reminds me because of the race we just called in arizona it was an open democratic seat the republicans took it and the total includes both seats in tennessee and the main seat held by retiring democratic majority leader george mitchell and bernie despite this strong republican tie that we're seeing tonight there are some bright spots for the democrats for example incumbent chuck robb has defeated oliver north in virginia's bitter bitter and very expensive u.s senate race another bright spot for the democrats senator edward kennedy has defeated his republican challenger mitt romney and a number of very closely watched races still are much too tight to call bill schneider and they include the governor's contest in new york florida and texas every single one of those states has a democratic incumbent governor i should note that incumbents have done pretty well tonight the only incumbent was defeated was jim sasser the senator democratic senator from tennessee otherwise incumbents of both parties have held on pretty well it's the open seats that are changing in both the governors and the senators races and speaking of were you going to ask him a question we just want to emphasize that the republicans have captured seven senate seats and if they don't lose any of their three open seats they've got it they've got lock stock and barrel control in the senate speaking of uh incumbents and speaking of open seats we want to look at the house races and our very able frank sesno has been keeping an eye on those those 435 districts frank sesno judy in a raised eyebrow with that uh we

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judy in a raised eyebrow with that uh we are very early in the senate races so in the house races so far in terms of anything being declared winners are losers but at this stage the republicans are doing very very well in the house return so far as we see them right now as you can see uh in this balance of power going into the election the democrats had 256 seats the republicans 178. uh there was one independent now bro there has been one pickup so far uh stu rothenberg there's a lot going on out there and tom barlow in kentucky one losing we talked about that as a leading wave earlier on what does it mean absolutely kentucky one is a very democratic district it's also very anti-clinton apparently the clinton the anti-clinton mood has overwhelmed the partisanship uh republican pick up big problems for the democrats nationally it might be worth noting that

barlow voted for the clinton budget but there are some very other people very other big people who are in big trouble let's go to north carolina seven district there uh with charlie rose he had intended to run for speaker of the house he's in trouble at this hour against robert anderson a virtual nobody but other seats in north carolina as well richard moore is in trouble against david thunderbird the republican martin lancaster the uh the independent i'm sorry the democrat the incumbent they're in trouble as is sandy sands four democratic open seats all trending republican right now and in illinois a very big name dan rostankowski with 32 percent reporting in big trouble against michael flanagan 31 year old lawyer virtually no campaign no campaign either uh for rostowski and he is in very serious trouble one other person we're looking at too early to say whether this is trouble for real but lee hamilton locked in a very tight race in indiana so right now this is trending for the republicans back to the national days brian cessna thanks very much the fifth district chicago danny rostenskowski i'm a chicgoan and there that doesn't mean anything but there was no campaign in this man's

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there was no campaign in this man's district until a week ago rostankowski that virtually did no advertising or anything and he just sort of walked around that's right but this was a race of rostinkowski versus rostinkowski he survived the democratic primary because the organization came out for him but he lost or he is running behind he hasn't lost we haven't declared in the general election because between the primary and the general election he was indicted and the easiest way to defeat an incumbent is to defeat him personally the indictment made a difference and he's a 30 how many year incumbent here 30 some odd 30 somebody 30 some odd years a long time he's been there we are keeping a very close eye on the senate where as we said just a moment ago if the republicans hold on to what we have at this hour they will pick up seven democratic seats uh but we are still watching uh to see uh to see those races and we're going to our own bruce morton who's at the senate desk bruce well judy you're right of course uh things are headed very much the republicans way at this hour here's where we started at the dawn of this election day 44 republican seats in the senate 56 democratic obviously the republicans needed seven to gain control here's where we are now they've gained seven if nothing changes if they don't lose any of the seats they have there are still 11 undecided seats in play here they'll have control but it's too early to say they've got it yet now back to the national test thank you very much bruce and dan rostinkowski was going for his 19th term he's been in the house of representatives 36 years i knew you'd come up with us okay let's check in there's been a lot of action as you know at the state houses uh gene reserve is there and she's watching the tally as it fluctuates bernie it may be too early to call this a tsunami but a republican wave certainly does appear to be shaping up when it comes to the governor's races before election day democrats held a majority of the governor's mansions in the sun in the country early signs are that may not be the case when the night is over

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not be the case when the night is over democrats now hold 29 governors mansions 21 belong to the republicans one is in independent hands excuse me that's 20 republican and one independent now we have a net change here of four for the republicans they have taken over four that were in democratic hands one of those is wyoming where republican state senator john garinger defeated democratic secretary of state kathy carpen exit polls show gerringer made significant inroads among moderate democrats there was also a clinton factor in the race 58 percent of the voters in the state said they felt that mr clinton's policies on natural resources hurt that state of those 72 percent voted for gerringer wyoming was the first state in the nation to elect a woman governor that was 70 years ago they had a woman in the in the race tonight but they didn't do the same thing in fact the women's vote split 50 50 between those two candidates ohio's republican governor john boyne george voinovich had lots of money and lots of approval going into this race and that helped him keep democratic heavyweights out of the race and hold off a challenge from democratic state senator robert burch cnn has declared boinovich the winner in this and here we see some numbers with 33 percent of the precincts reporting in his jubilation the governor thanked his supporters tonight's great victory and your vote of confidence and faith convert confirm that you do pay attention that you do care and because you have made a difference you're allowing me to make a difference and i want to thank you i want to thank you for renewing my contract for another four years polls show the incumbent governor capitalized on anti-clinton

sentiment in that state 90 percent of those who disapprove of president clinton voted for buenovich the good economy helped him tremendously it hasn't helped bill clinton much but a number of midwestern governors republicans all have been helped by an

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republicans all have been helped by an improving economy like boinovich edgar and illinois and angler in michigan one race in which the democrats did apparently hang on was arkansas but that of course is the home state of bill clinton now back to the national desk thanks gene bill schneider you've been looking at those governors wins and what do you see i see four governors that have changed from democratic to republican and every single one was an open seat where the democratic incumbent was not running for reelection it's the open seats we're watching because they count exit polls we're watching and you have some more that's right we have exit polls based on the entire american electorate everybody who voted today and how they voted for congress now was clinton a factor 51 percent of americans said they disapproved of president clinton's performance as president and they voted overwhelmingly republican so it's pretty clear that clinton's disapproval rating was a drag on democratic candidates now what about congress disapproval of congress 79 percent of americans today said they disapprove of the job congress is doing and they voted three to two for republicans over democrats clinton and congress were both drags male voters you see a gender gap republicans had a clear lead among male voters but among women voters in the country the democrats had a slight lead this is a gender gap overall we're seeing a slight edge for republicans over democrats nationwide and that could lead to the first republican majority we don't know yet until we start counting up the house tallies thanks very much bill schneider when we come back larry king live with david wilhelm of the dnc and haley barber of the rnc as cnn continues his night long election coverage cnn's campaign usa taking care of business for almost 50 years the dearborn sausage company

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mosaics [Music] museum collection of watches victorian albert museum london mobado the museum watch we're back with haley barber and david wilhelm on this election night edition of uh larry king live are you going to take the senate can you confirm that now haley well it looks like we are larry the we've won seven the democrats i know hold out hopes for minnesota i think our chances in minnesota are pretty darn good also i think we've got a real shot to pick up pennsylvania and the california race is going to be very very close now they just reported the most incumbents of winning tonight now we don't have all the house stories and you deny that these were open seats that the republicans have won in the senate right all but the sas receipt in tennessee of course that's the only incumbent right yeah right that's correct that's the only incumbent sasser is the only incumbent at this point that has lost there are incumbents in very tight races senator wofford among them uh but the incumbents who have battled and battled hard and made their case are hanging on at this point you were also talking during the break about the majority you're getting in these governorship races right that's a big story to you not just winning yeah in a year that people talk about any incumbent the incumbent republican governors are winning with you just saw george warner 71 of those just out just outrageous votes it's because people approve of what they've done they've cut taxes they've cut spending they've made their state government smaller and the states have prospered and so even these are not republican states massachusetts and minnesota and michigan and ohio there's a lesson there that there's a there's a way you can govern that gets tremendous job approval people

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that gets tremendous job approval people think it's successful these republican governors have done it and i'd point to roy romer on our side a democratic incumbent who won uh tonight with a large margin and i would also make the case again and it's a case that must not be fully understood yet by the american people but we have cut spending we have cut the deficit we have created jobs we have turned a corner and i i certainly hope that ultimately there will be recognition of that supported roma perot supported lautenberg he supported the the independent in new york but basically that was for cuomo and his supporter is running against foley if

foley loses and cuomo wins this is a sweep for parole can you claim that well i guys why didn't you both have it i i i think it was a endorsing roy romer is getting in front of a parade roy romer was 20 percentage points ahead at the time i'm sure governor romer appreciated the support but i would hardly credit roy romer's victory to ross perot larry 80 percent of the people in new york who voted for ross perot want mario cuomo out you know you don't win in politics by being for what everybody supports you is against fairfax virginia hello mr barber mr i will help uh for two years you fellas have had national polls that show 60 to 70 percent of the american voters uh disapprove of president clinton and the democrat congress but eighty percent of the people disbelieve and distrust the national media including cnn now we citizens can clean out clinton and congress with votes but how do we clean out the left-wing national media 80 percent uh includes cnn as left-wing media so where did you get that from eighty percent of the national media including note the including cnn is what obviously they've had a little effect tonight i don't know i i would argue that i'd say it's a

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that i'd say it's a tough case to make right now that the media is is a left-wing leaning media i think they've been extraordinarily hard on this president and i guess in a way that is the role of the media to be tough but the fact that some of the essential facts of the past 21 months are not known uh i i guess we have to take as far as that caller would you say that it's a left-wing media well let me say this uh what you see in if you ask what can you do about this what you see happening around the country things like talk radio things like c-span things like the larry king show where viewers get to get it unfiltered through the media elites and i think that's been very healthy for america it is very healthy that you don't just have three networks that decide what is the news you're supposed to see that's yeah i think that's an almost impossible case to make tonight and over the past we'll take oh certainly the influences we'll take a break come back with our remaining moments of this larry king live special election night edition don't go away continuous round-the-clock coverage on this election night capital gang coming back later so too is crossfire we're with david wilhelm and haley barber and the whole crew in atlanta will be with you right at the top of the hour right now let's get a thought from overseas county cork ireland hello hello larry hi how are you ferguson from county clark in ireland thank you i just wanted to ask the two gentlemen on the panel why is there so much sleaze in american politics in modern politics today when people should be getting back to genuine traditional old politics like we have in ireland what went wrong they don't have sleaze in ireland well let me say uh one thing david and i agree on when you see us on tv we've we have very strong disagreements but

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we have very strong disagreements but it's about issues i mean we think very differently about what's in the best interest in the country and there is way too much in campaigns in our country of personal attacks some of it's unavoidable because you have people who are carrying baggage when they when they get into the race rob and north for instance but a lot of it is because political consultants when they see they're losing on the issues when they see things going against them the only thing they can do to change the subject is a is a personal attack i'm not so sure those personal attacks are working very well this year and i and i hope that the public will reject them and rebel against them i i this is an area where we are in agreement uh there is way too much negativism there are way too many personal ad hominem attacks on on the character of public officials i think about it this way imagine if airlines ran attack ads there would be some airlines that would win under such advertising there would be some that would lose but the overall confidence in the airline industry would plummet and that's what's happening to our political system los angeles hello yeah good evening uh i have a question for mr barber and i'd appreciate a candid answer uh sir are you from the future are you a time traveler yeah yeah there's a candid answer no a drunk traveler well it's a california voter they're probably all in a little shell shock right now right would you say people are glad this race is over um i i'd say probably yes i think people were ready for these midterm elections to be held i i think i i would say yes to that i would personally have liked to have had a couple more weeks i think we had a case to make i think we were beginning to make it we obviously haven't closed the deal but i i'll i'll say it again we've turned a corner i

really really hope i absolutely believe so but i don't think thank you guys did you see the rostenkowski thing coming well we didn't sit until late i'll tell you a funny little story three weeks ago the campaign for flanagan called us and

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the campaign for flanagan called us and says we have a poll that shows ross and caskey down 16. i said give me a break i said we're not taking that so i took a pollster that we had a lot of confidence in and we paid him to take a poll showed rice and casket down 19. and so that sent some money and so we sent some money tried to keep it quiet because we knew uh we were worried that if they knew we were after him that they could just overpower us other than rob what race did you win tonight you were worried about were you worried about lautenberg uh sure uh new jersey is always a tough state new jersey is a state where undecideds break against the incumbent uh yeah that that was a good win we are we're very pleased to see senator lautenberg return and also senator bingaman in new mexico that was a that was you lost anything tonight you thought you were going to win to this minute well we we thought we had a real shot at bingham and lautenberg but of the three senate races that people talked about are having a prospect obviously the one was north that north was a dead heat going in we felt like the turnout dynamics favored us our people were fired up but it must have been a big big turnout northern virginia also in canada nancy reagan heard him didn't i mean she's a very popular very popular she gets front-page attention two days before the election i think that the whole litany of republican uh leaders that came out against hollywood badly oh look i get paid to take make the tough decisions but one of the things i mean one of the things that larry you got to say north got nuked every day in he and newt gingrich any time the press had something bad that could be seen through the bad filter boy they got nuked every time uh but it's just you know the people of virginia spoke and if chuck robs who they want to reelect hey i'm going to salute and we'll do the best we can to work with with him or anybody else all right give me uh we got a couple minutes left forecast let's say things hold and as they are now the republicans take the senate we won't gauge the house it's too early give me the next two years i the the republicans have a decision that they've got to make they've got to decide whether they are going to continue the obstructionism of the past two years

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the obstructionism of the past two years whether or not we're going to have that kind of government or will they begin to take responsibility for moving things forward my hope is that the republicans will stop the shenanigans of the past two years their strategy evidently has worked they knew that the democrats as the governing party would wear the jacket if we failed to move forward on certain pieces of legislation but now if they do in fact gain control of at least one of the houses they've got to share responsibility with the democrats to govern and uh that's that's going to be the real test of the next two years next two years uh the american people answered a question tonight the question was which way america republicans this is a beginning for us not an end david's right about that we have a responsibility but our responsibility is to fulfill the verdict that the american people render tonight our responsibility is to do what we promise to do the american people are looking to us to make government smaller taxes lower have more individual freedom and individual responsibility less government power and less government responsibility that is our obligation and we and we are the american people are going to rightly look to us to see if we fulfill their verdict and i hope that bill clinton's attitude about that is we ought to work together to fulfill that word verdict not to try to get around that not to try to deny that it's going to work and the president has has made that clear and i i would just put a you won't be surprised but i i would put a little different spin on this that we need to continue to work together to produce the change that we've already begun to produce in this country government is smaller it is leaner it is more efficient the deficit has been reduced and we are on a path to strong economic recovery and it's been because of the leadership the past two years and i hope that we can continue that david and i have gotten to be friends and i have genuine affection for

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friends and i have genuine affection for him but the democrats cannot deny the answer the american people gave them tonight they said we don't like the direction you're going we reject your agenda we can all work together if everybody will accept the american people's verdict we're going to do that and the good news is there are a lot of democrats are going to do it i hope bill clinton and the verdict is give us change show us show us we are frustrated with the pace of change show us that you can get it done show us that you can do it together and i think that's the challenge for the next two years you're gonna stay in the post well i'm up for re-election in january and i'm gonna run again if my wife will let me you're gonna you're leaving right i'm leaving i i gotta get back to chicago my wife's two weeks away from giving birth to our first child so i'm in trouble if i don't get there quickly i'm gonna feel you're gonna miss him in fairness to my wife she's been super supportive of this she's she's tolerant after 23 years thanks to david wilhelm and haley barber our guest for the full special hour edition of larry king live tonight tomorrow night winners from all over the united states on larry king live with your phone calls bernie and judy and the whole crew in atlanta will be back after these words thanks for joining us don't go away is the vision worthy of the early pioneers who built the state out of the wilderness republican don sundquist the winner in tennessee's gubernatorial race republicans very happy tonight as they continue victories from the state house to the we've senate in iowa cnn declares terry branstad the incumbent republican the winner in his race in new mexico the governor's race cnn declares gary johnson the challenger this is a pickup johnson is a republican

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this is a pickup johnson is a republican this is a pickup for the republican party cnn declares that conrad burns the republican incumbent in montana center rates will be going back to washington now looking at how the senate stacks up at this hour going into tonight 56 democrats 44 republicans at this hour at this hour 10 undecided but the totals are moving in the republican direction 47 republican to 43 democrat 51 needed to have a majority welcome again to cnn's continuous coverage of election 94 i'm bernard shaw judy woodruff and bill schneider the republicans have grabbed seven of the democrats open seats and they appear on their way to controlling the united states senate that's right there are a couple of possibilities for democratic pickups they don't look very likely one in minnesota and we'll be looking for what's happening in the state of washington but assuming the republicans get control of the senate they've gained enough seats so far to do that it's going to be a very different washington bill clinton is going to face a very hostile republican majority they are going to have to decide the republican majority if they do have it in the senate whether they want to govern in a bipartisan coalition with bill clinton or whether they believe that their mandate in this election is to oppose bill clinton and that's the way they want to carry out for the next two years well let's take a look at that gubernatorial race in the empire state governor mario cuomo leading oh no no no look at this folks george pataki the republican 50 percent over mario cuomo so far and tom golisano the independent five percent genie most is standing by oh this just updated before we go to gd this is the latest george pataki now 49 percent incumbent mario cuomo 44 golisano five percent genie most is at cuomo headquarters what are they thinking about over there well i mean it's a squeaker and everyone kind of knew

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kind of knew it was going to be a squeaker this is the uh cover of the new york post this morning photo finish they were predicting only two points separating the two in the latest polls and so what people are doing here now is just waiting for these numbers to come in there are a couple of thousand uh fomo volunteers behind the camera behind me is the vip area and they're all kind of in the same boat uh waiting for these figures to come in sort of rushing from television to television with the latest results from the different channels now mario cuomo himself is upstairs in a room here at the sheridan watching the returns come in his wife matilda has been downstairs giving interviews you know she made some news earlier in the campaign calling her husband's opponent a lightweight well now that lightweight is giving her husband a run for the money i'm jeanie mose reporting live back to the national desk well jeanne new york is not the only place where they're counting those governor's votes closely in the state of texas a very close race we were expecting going into tonight between george w bush the republican challenging ann richards the incumbent at this hour as you can see george bush is ahead with 26 percent of the vote counted 55 to 45 percent cnn's own tony clark is

standing by in austin texas at richards headquarters what are they saying there tony you know the the interesting thing is the mood here is not glum but it is surprised every time numbers go up on the board and as you just said the last numbers showed a gap of about 10 percent richards down by about 10 percent after feeling that this was going to be a very close race there is surprise here that the margin is so far but what richards officials say is that it is still very early in the evening that this is early voting texas has early voting and that this is a time when republicans would get it they're saying simply wait until a little bit later when their vote comes in i'm tony clark cnn reporting live from richard's headquarters now back to the national desk thank you tony let's quickly take you to the headquarters of chuck robb the

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the headquarters of chuck robb the incumbent democrat from the senate he's there with his wife linda bird rob the rest of his family and julie woodruff this is a happy night for that family they really sweated this election out bill schneider the exit polling must be fascinating from this race oh it is it indicates that the character issue which was supposed to which did work against both candidates ended up working much worse having a much bigger impact against oliver north chuck robb at least was sort of fear of the known versus fear of the unknown in virginia looks like fear of the known was what went out [Applause] oh thank you from the bottom of my heart thank you i am very grateful to all of you for making it possible as our distinguished lieutenant governor and next governor said just a minute ago george foreman is indeed an inspiration in virginia the battle of the marine chuck robb beat oliver north tonight last night jeb bush who's running in florida against incumbent lawton childers described his father as a nervous wreck let's take a look at the raw vote so far with 54 percent of the precedence end incumbent childers leading jeb bush 51 percent to bush's 49 percent charles

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percent to bush's 49 percent charles bierbauer here at the bush headquarters what's going on well it's loud here but that's only the battle of the bands bernie we really haven't seen a whole lot of things to cheer about here you know florida's a state where you've got to worry about jumping to conclusions jeb bush knew he would be out in front early as he was this evening but he needed to be out in front by a substantial enough margin with the early votes coming in from the north and the western of the panhandle in those parts of the state where republicans are stronger it would appear that as the votes come in from broward county from palm beach where the democrats are strong with african-americans with jewish voters and with union voters that governor chiles may be able to pull back and pull into the lead depending on the votes yet to come from dade county where we are where jeff bush is counting on the hispanics and the cubans so you've got to add them all up very carefully not jump to any conclusions but the real trick would have been for jeb bush to get far out in front i'm not sure that he's done that bernie okay all right we're just getting word thank you charles we're just getting more this information is coming in so fast we can barely keep up the nebraska senate race the democratic incumbent bob carey has hung on he will be coming back to washington and right now we want to talk bernie to a very uh a guest a very special guest i guess you'd say in fort worth texas h ross perot good evening how are you i'm fine how are you great good night it's a great night that depends on your perspective if you're a democrat it's not so great if you're an independent it's perfect what about the texas governor's race you endorsed you supported ann richards it's a very close one with george w bush close race we'll see how it comes out i feel strongly she's the best qualified candidate our primary focus is on the national record uh races we're watching uh them like a hawk the big bell weather races two of the

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the big bell weather races two of the three are done olympia snow she was running against george mitchell's hand-picked successor she slam duncan frist was running against the man that would have been in tennessee was running against uh sasha who would have been the next majority leader of the senate he got it now we're going out west i guess you don't want to talk about that yet but we've got we're right we're fast running out of time i asked one question we have a lot of questions we want to ask you well we're out of time

judy and we're going to we understand that uh in virginia oliver okay oliver north will have to wait for just a minute let me no we are going to go to oliver north he's talking to a crowd in richmond virginia is an emphatic yes for you see the real consequence of this campaign is not just in the results of today's ballot your eagerness to bring about real change in how we are governed has forever altered the political landscape all across this land and how appropriate it is that this effort is sprung forth from this cradle of liberty the red clay of virginia you and your extraordinary dedication to see me elected have not failed you have successfully redefined political debate throughout this land of ours in this contest you have made it clear that henceforth every race will be about the role of government in our lives because of you every one of you every future candidate for office will have to explain to the electorate their vision for how government will make our streets safer our schools better our jobs certain our nation secure because of you we'll have more candidates who want our government to stop investing in failure and stop punishing success we'll have candidates

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we will have candidates who will win because they want government to be smaller less intrusive and who will reign it in we'll have fewer office holders who wish to create more arcane laws and regulations or to assign special rights or privilege to the few we will elect men and women of principle who will put principle ahead of politics who deemed the next generation to be more important than their next election all this is possible because you came together to support this campaign my law listening to some personal remarks from oliver north to a crowd of his supporters in richmond virginia oliver north the loser tonight in the united states senate race in virginia he lost to the incumbent chuck robb we want to go back now to fort worth texas into our interview with ross perot well mr perrault at this hour the folks you uh endorsed in this race some of them independents some of them republicans and some of them democrats the results coming in are mixed lautenberg is all right but in new york mr golisano's not doing very well our objective in endorsing him was to get that independent party way up the ballot in new york state we knew he couldn't win we made that very clear at the time we've got a whole series of people we've been giving strong support to across the country they're doing great the only horse race we've got where we thought we'd have a winner is the texas governor's race it's not over what do you think is going to happen there oh who knows but the exciting thing see cnn really put the ball in play over the idea of giving the republicans a chance because so few people have proved the way government was being run that ball was put in play on cnn we're watching the two-minute drill tonight i think it looks pretty exciting i think the people will do it you have any advance word on the foley nether cut ratio you endorse mr nethercut the republican up in

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nethercut the republican up in washington state everything i feel sensing here is that nether cut will take it that will be a shot heard across this country the democrats will repent and be reborn both parties will focus on the working american and the middle class we have a bright future ahead of us if all this takes place as you know at cnn our credo is impartiality what did you mean by that remark cnn gave the republicans a chance no no that i said that was put in play one night on larry king i said we ought to give the republicans a chance they can't get any worse maybe get better looks like the american people are going to do it okay h ross perot fort worth texas a man smiling tonight thanks for joining us thank you you're quite welcome and cnn will continue its live non-stop coverage of this election night in a moment [Music] in virginia senate race those two battling marines you just saw oliver north and his wife leave earlier in a concession speech to rob he said that in his force every race will be about the role of government in our lives and rob tonight began his opening remarks by saying how sweet it is and you apparently felt that north's address to his people was quite eloquent well was eloquent because it was a simple statement of his principles and his ideology he did not sound like an extremist he was accused throughout the campaign of being too extreme he sounded like a hardcore republican stating his principles this every race should be about the role of government and he said we should not reward failure we should not punish success if he had sounded that reasonable throughout the campaign he might have done better well virginia was one close senate race we've all been keeping an eye on there's another race that we are still watching and that's the one in pennsylvania where at this hour with 66 percent of the votes

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this hour with 66 percent of the votes counted the democrat harris wofford is holding on to a lead 50 to 47 against congressman rick santorum after rob wofford is probably the most endangered democratic incumbent rob survived wofford is barely holding on his opponent much more conservative than any republican senator recently from pennsylvania his name is kennedy from massachusetts this is the raw vote with 30 percent of the precincts in cnn has called this race for the incumbent democrat over mitt romney he looked like he might be endangered early on he turned it around mitt romney ran an aggressive campaign against kennedy but he came back fighting and had to run negative ads and in the state of tennessee the republicans pick up not one but two seats in the united states senate uh bill frist the winner of surprise winner to to the democrats a month ago everybody thought jim sasser was a shoe in to win reelection dr bill frist a heart surgeon has been declared the winner sasser the only incumbent to be defeated in the united states senate and uh he of course was one of two senate seats in tennessee one wonders if he were the only incumbent uh running a senator running in tennessee if he would have done this badly quickly down a bit romney in boston conceding to senator edward kennedy in that very tough senate race i guess my art i guess the numbers are going to show that uh the roughly a million people by the time this uh the ballots are all counted roughly a million people will have taken the chance on someone new someone who was a voice for change will have voted for me for united states senator and to them i say thank you very much [Applause] in tennessee an actor also a former watergate council lawyer fred thompson he's the winner in that second race he has 61 a percent of the vote bill yes that's right and mr cooper the democratic congressman he defeated was one of the authors of an alternative health plan to the plan to the clinton health plan and he lost badly tonight

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lost badly tonight and in michigan we've declared the republican spencer abraham the winner defeating congressman bob carr yes that's another pick up by the republicans of an open seat being given up by democrat don riegel in michigan in washington d.c this is the race with 35 percent of the precedence in marion barry the democrat who had served three terms as mayor and one six-month term in prison after he was caught on tape smoking crack cocaine in 1990 he's leading carol schwartz and joining us now on cnn's non-stop election night coverage a man who conceivably according to all indications look at the smile on his face the republicans have captured seven seats in the senate robert dole formerly minority leader of the senate this morning but it looks like mr doe you're going to be on top well i'm not certain yet i you know we still have washington state i think we're okay there we need to win one of the two races in minnesota or pennsylvania montana i understand it's been projected as a republican whole so we don't pick up anything but uh we're excited about it we hope it happens uh we'd like to end up with about 52-48 that would give us a bit of a margin have you called 1600 pennsylvania avenue or has 1600 pennsylvania avenue called you no i i've had a very good visit with senator mitchell he was very gracious i recall in 86 when i was in my office and he was winning it was a long night for me and i think it's a fairly long night for him but we both agree that we're not certain yet i mean it would appear that we would have a majority but i'm not certain but in any event we think the american people we've heard the american people i think they've voted for change they voted for republicans we're making big gains in governor's races house races uh big upsets all across the country there's still going to be one surprise out there i'm not certain which way it's going to go maybe california maybe nevada so we're going to stay tuned okay but

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so we're going to stay tuned okay but if you become majority leader how can you maintain that position and run for the republican party's presidential nomination in 96 well i haven't made the judgment on 96 i think i've been totally focused on winning or helping win seats all across the country governors you know state house whatever the house representative senators but it seemed to me if president clinton is going to run again and if he can run again run for president as president surely somebody who was a more majority leader whether it's bob dole or someone else could probably run for president president clinton has a very very ambitious

domestic policy program when he comes back when the 104th congress comes in in january he wants to hit the ground running obviously that has a bearing in his re-election chances in 96. how much do you intend to cut him off at the pass well my view is uh the american people they give us a majority they've given us also a burden to carry and expect us to respond and i don't think they expect us at every opportunity to try to block the president they expect us to work for the president where we have big differences to oppose the president but for the most part as you know bernie many things that happen in congress things that should happen in congress good things are done on a nonpartisan or bipartisan basis and we'll try to continue that it's going to be i remember president reagan and president bush working with democratic congresses uh it was tougher many of their programs never got out of committee uh but i i my view is we can work together i intend to call if we have a majority call the president the morning and suggested i'm prepared i think newt gingrich will do the same and we know that the american people expect us to be responsible that's the bottom line is your attitude now that we're in the majority we don't want to blow it well my attitude is if we have a majority we better demonstrate that we can produce and i don't mean produce doesn't always mean passing

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produce doesn't always mean passing legislation but it means being responsible listening to the people there is this anti-government mood out there anti-tax anti-regulation and i might you know if we're in the majority you'll see bob dole smarting a lot more as my mother-in-law mrs hanford says i should bob in washington thanks for joining us judy he sounds very reflective he certainly does and he's got a lot to reflect on this evening and tomorrow as well and bernie i'm told that we're ready to declare a winner in the north dakota senate race and we're going to see what we're ready to declare here it is the incumbent democrat kent conrad has uh defeated his republican challenger ben clayberg this was considered a solid democratic seat not a big surprise here bill that's right he has an unusual career he promised he was elected in 1986 and promised he would not seek re-election in 92 unless the deficit was cut by 80 it wasn't he kept his promise but then the the other senator from north dakota quentin burdick died and there was a special election in december of 92 he ran in that election he's filling the vacancy of senator burdick and now he's running for the full term we're calling the gubernatorial contest in pennsylvania tom ridge the republican 49 from erie picking up that seat mark single the lieutenant governor a loser tonight this is a very big state and a very big republican victory again in an open race because the incumbent robert casey was not eligible to run for reelection in south dakota we declare a winner bill jenklow this was an open seat janklow was a former governor of south dakota he has won office once again defeating the democrat jim beto yes that's right he defeated the incumbent governor in a primary and he is a former governor who's now come back to serve again we have a winner in the rhode island senate race incumbent john chafee going for his fourth term this is uh not a surprise but rhode island is probably the most democratic state in the country john chafee always considered safe he's

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john chafee always considered safe he's a moderate republican one of the most moderate in the senate i was just quickly looking to see but apparently he will not be one of the new republican committee chairman if they hang on but he'll be a key player on health care absolutely our coverage of election night and there's a lot of results still to come we'll continue in just a moment [Music] well over half in fact all the state's polls have closed at this hour we're watching senate races governors races and races for the house of representatives and bill schneider you're looking at some exit polls i certainly am in the state of new york where right now george pataki has a slight lead over mario cuomo who's struggling for re-election let's look at the exit polls to tell us why cuomo is in so much trouble the economy is the main issue out there and you see three quarters of those who say the state's economy is poor are voting for the challenger the republican pataki by the way 81 percent of the new york voters give the economy a poor or not so good rating only 18 say it's in excellent or good shape much worse than any other state we're polling another problem cuomo is having has he been in office too long this would be his fourth term two-thirds of the voters say yes he has terry branstad was elected for fourth term but cuomo may have trouble making it now mario cuomo the death penalty has been an issue in his race he proposed allowing the death penalty to be voted on in a referendum but he insisted

there'd be three choices death penalty for murderers life in prison without parole or a long prison term with a chance for parole he said he bet that people would vote for life imprisonment without parole among new york voters today almost two-thirds say no they would vote for the death penalty for those who commit murders and among those who say they are death penalty supporters pataki is winning almost two-thirds of the vote and finally among white catholics in new york who are about half of the new york

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york who are about half of the new york voters pataki has a solid lead 60 for pataki 34 for cuomo and that is a key constituency that cuomo used to carry handily we're going to pause for a local cable break we're not going anywhere we hope you don't back in a moment this is cnn [Applause] simply an extraordinary night in united states political history that's right the senate balance of power appears to be shifting to the republicans if they can hold on to the seats that they have now at stake they have already picked up seven from the democrats enough for a majority the last time the senate were in the majority in the senate was in 1986 they had held on for six years uh and then they lost it and they've been dry for eight years and now they're back again bruce morton at the senate desk bob dole really parsed his words very very carefully not wanting to pop the keep champagne courts yet well as people used to say back when they were baseball seasons it isn't over until it's over but it's beginning to look a whole lot as if it might be over just to review where we are this is where it started at dawn on this election day 44 republicans in the senate 56 democrats republicans needed to gain seven now we've had so far a net change of seven but there are seven seats still undecided those could go either way there could be some additional shifts if they stay the way they are then the new senate will be republican and bob dole will be mr majority leader back to the national desk that's right and i think we need to clarify that because we were sounding a moment ago as if it were all over it's not all over at this moment the demo the republicans have sent have seven seats but we don't know there are still several states out there

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several states out there where they conceivably could uh could lose there's an open seat that the republicans now hold in minnesota that could go to the democrats that would be a net of six which is not quite a majority so we still it's still a cliffhanger we have some suspense yet to go and winning the candidate there in minnesota here is ted kennedy in boston at that hotel that's a unionized hotel and he chooses it all the time he looks good earlier cnn declared kennedy the winner in his race with mitt romney you heard mitt romney here live on cnn just a short while ago conceding to the senior senator you know i think conservatives had a fantasy that in this election they could take ted kennedy out of the senate put oliver north in the senate defeat mario cuomo in the state house of new york and defeat tom foley to speak with the house so far two of those things have not happened there are five kennedys running tonight we'll keep you posted on how they do when senator ted kennedy gets up to the podium to say how sweet it is or whatever we'll be there to hear it judy and somebody we want to talk to you about all these results is at the white house george stephanopoulos very close adviser to president clinton uh george stephanopoulos there's some nice news tonight for the democrats but there's also some very difficult news to take and that is that the republicans at least at this hour have picked up seven seats yeah but we still have some hope i heard you all talking just a couple of minutes ago we feel good about where senator walford is right now in pennsylvania and we think ann winney has a good shot at picking up that seat in minnesota so it's too early to say it's over yet in the senate we obviously also feel very good about senator kennedy senator rob in virginia in fact uh nine democratic incumbents have won tonight uh so far only one is lost so we we've had a pretty good night so far clearly there is a message today that the voters want change they want it they want it to go very very fast just as they did in 1992 we hear that how do you explain what happened tonight in uh in tennessee uh mr stephanopoulos you lost uh both senate seats in a state where the which is the vice president's uh home base well there's no question that was a

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well there's no question that was a disappointment judy we uh we don't feel good about that it would have been nice for both senator sasser and jim cooper to pick up those seats so we feel badly about that but if you look throughout the south we're also holding on to some governorships and we feel good about that we have to wait and see where all the returns come in and what the numbers are at the end what are you hearing if anything at this hour about uh the house seats the control of the of the u.s house i think it's really too early to tell we're doing well on the east coast so far a little more disappointing in the south we still have yet to hear from the west and i think that's going to be where a lot of the difference is made up so we're just going to have to wait and see can you draw any conclusions yet about the effect the president may or may not have had on some of these races in his campaigning in this last week or so well i think there's no question his his serious campaigning made a difference if you look at senator kennedy if you look at senator rob the president made very intensive efforts there he was out to california several times and it looks like senator feinstein is going to win in california it looks like we think senator wofford can win in pennsylvania where the president campaigned an awful lot and and winning in minnesota as i said could also pull it out the president went there twice in just the last week i would also point out through the exit polling tonight it turns out that this really was in the end a message about washington and congress three-quarters of the voters who came out of the polls tonight said that this was really about washington congress not about president clinton all right george stephanopoulos at the white house we thank you for talking with us we may be talking to you again now to senator edward kennedy in massachusetts the winner in that senate news wife victoria reggie kennedy is at his side this is a very happy group of people a lot of kennedy's standing there beside behind thank you it was first the 32-year incumbent the first elected 1962 just a few minutes ago thanks a lot

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that's all right thank you very much thank you just a few minutes ago iphone rang mitt romney called me to congratulate me i'm re-re-elected the united states senate [Applause] and in the conversation i had indicated that he had fought a hard campaign he was a worthy spokesman for the republican party and i wished him well into the future we thank him for the battle he has waged and we're glad about the outcome they go back [Applause] i want to thank the people of massachusetts for the greatest public honor that any citizen could have of this state and that is representing the people in the united states the senate today was not a victory for a candidate or a victory for a party it was a victory for those that believe we should have a voice and a vote and a fighter in the united states senate that's going to fight this was a candidate who uh in two debates with his republican challenger mitt romney really did much better than expected and bill and bernie i think that has to be counted as one of the main reasons he won reelection he showed he still had some fight he reassured massachusetts voters that he was up to the job after the very negative way he'd been portrayed by his opponent mitt romney remember bill clinton is quite popular

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remember bill clinton is quite popular in massachusetts remember this too things are going a little better in the massachusetts economy today they re-elected ted kennedy a democrat to the senate and overwhelmingly a republican governor and he never shied away from wearing his liberal's tie the house of representatives frank sesno has been very very busy frank how does it look in the house it looks like very big news tonight bernie in the house of representatives cnn is now estimating that the republicans will pick up 46 seats in the house of representatives this evening that will easily give them control of the house of representatives for the first time in 40 years going into the election the democrats held 256 the republicans 178 the republicans needed 40. the balance of power has shifted over the course of the evening so far the republicans have picked up nine officially but in state after state after state the republicans are leading uh we're here now with stu rothenberg you've been watching the house with us very very closely in indiana there is a republican wave in north carolina a republican wave in tennessee in georgia dan rostankowski's in trouble what do you see absolutely what's happening frank is the republicans are sweeping through the south and winning other places as well all the most vulnerable democrats are going down and the second and third tier vulnerable democrats are also going down too over in oklahoma in the fourth district there dave mccurdy's old old seat uh j.c watts has picked that up the second african american who's a republican going

to the house of representatives absolutely the republicans have been very anxious to pick up another african-american congressman uh and they're picking up these open seats left by democrats running for the u.s senate so that's a bit of problem democrats can't hold those seats did you think it was going to be this big i thought it was going to be big 35 to 40 seats 46 it's hard to predict when it's that big okay and we're going to be watching this of course throughout the night we have to move out to the west coast and see where uh where that's going in california and washington but again the cnn estimates 46 seats to the republicans giving them control of the house of representatives for the first time in four decades back to the national desk all

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decades back to the national desk all right thanks frank and bill i guess it's been since what 1954 that both the republican party held both houses of congress and based on what we're seeing right now it's looking likely it's going to happen again tonight looks very likely this is an earthquake this is a tidal wave uh political scientists call it a realigning election it means this balance of power is really shifting and we have bill clinton in office with two years having to live with what looks very likely to be a republican-controlled congress there's going to be a lot of anger at bill clinton because after 40 years if the republicans carry the house the democrats will lose their power base in washington the house of representatives they've held it for 40 years i bet this is going to mean that some primary opponents may challenge bill clinton for the presidency they do not want to run with him at the top of the ticket in 1996 after this experience and can you imagine what is going through newt gingrich's mind right here outside suburban atlanta that's right we're going to go to a break but when we come back we have a lot to talk about cnn's campaign us the new chrysler series has an advanced 24-valve v6 it's cab forward design vienna the legendary watch dial museo de arte contemporaneo caracas status museum [Music] is the design inspiration for the movado museum collection of watches victorian albert museum london movado the museum watch [Music]

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wherever you are in the united states or in the world cnn tonight is reporting that it's very likely that the republican party will take up to 50 seats in the house of representatives as they seize control of that body and cnn is also reporting that it's very likely the republican party will take definitive control of the united states senate at this point we still do not know by how much they have seven seats right now and we're watching the races in washington state and in the state of minnesota joining us now from washington co-host of crossfire pat buchanan and himself a former presidential candidate how do you feel how does it feel tonight how do you feel well i just thinking back on it uh when i heard that what frank say about all those house seats bernie this is the worst defeat sustained by the democratic party in an off-year election since 1946 and the coming of the 80th congress i think we have a crisis for the democratic party you've got a clear crisis for bill clinton and you got a crisis for american liberalism this is the party the philosophy that believes in government activism the democrats of the party of government how do they survive in an environment of populist conservatism where the mood is one of distrust and even detestation of government i think bill clinton's got a tremendous a tremendous problem on his hands is this an opportunity for your party it is but i will say this bill clinton appears to have forfeited his opportunity to bring together the parole voters into a great new fdr coalition republicans have been given the opportunity to do that but it is by no means a guaranteed thing the republican party is itself divided internally over a variety of issues with the exception of taxes and big government where we're all agreed and i think the working out of this will determine whether the republican party's

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determine whether the republican party's about to begin another 25-year era of domination such as was begun in the 1966 off-year election what are you going to do about that to help your party you're going to run in 96 uh i haven't made any decision on that my guess is there's a lot more people out on the track as of about 11 o'clock tonight bernie than there were before you're going to have i think six or eight candidates

there's no clear front runner i think ross perot is a very probable third party candidate this is very much up in the air as far as the presidential thing is concerned and you haven't heard the last incidentally from former lieutenant colonel oliver north out in virginia he has the best mailing list in america he's got a nationwide following a lot's going to happen as a consequence of this election and not simply the crisis in the democratic party pat i want to ask you a question i want you to think about this question not as a partisan republican but just as an american citizen who like i loves this country two years ago the american voters gave bill clinton a mandate for change he went to washington he sought to create change he had internal problems with his staff he had external problems there were questions about his personality his character etcetera but i don't think anybody can question but that this man and his staff sought what was best for the united states tonight it is clear voters coast to coast in this great country have said we want a change now republicans had had voted this democrat to be up virtually or described him as a monster my question essentially is this where did he go wrong what did he do so wrong that was against the american body politic considering that he loves this country as much as you and i do bill clinton first is no monster secondly i thought he he took a tremendous beating when we were up in new hampshire together i thought his political skills were greater than he exhibited i think where he went wrong bernie and i don't understand it he

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bernie and i don't understand it he should have known or it seemed to me he realized in new hampshire that the american people wanted to move in a direction toward traditionalism and social issues and traditionalism and moral values and they did not want big government activism the insider deals for tax increases and spending increases that wasn't the direction they wanted to go the parole vote which which came out of the republican party was a clear signal of that and i thought that's the direction that bill clinton would go even newt gingrich was saying about two months into his term this guy could be another fdr i don't know what drew him off if you will to the left but i think that was a fatal mistake if it is a fatal mistake and i think don't think we should say show we ought to remember 1946 uh came out into 1948 but that's where he went off the track i think he may have one chance to try to put this together and govern from the center and build a coalition and see if he gets cooperations but i think he had an opportunity that's now gone okay pat buchanan thanks for joining us from the washington bureau bernie i need a clarification i couldn't hear what did he say the fatal mistake was that the president made i want to i think it's important to understand just moving to the left not not reaching out a hand to the republican party well it took me a long time to ask pat that question because it really goes to the core of emotions and what have you but uh he thought that he was creating change what's your take on that in a way the election of clinton was the voter saying to this man who is the consummate professional politician can you make things work clinton promised he could make government work so did ross perot ross perot said he could do it because he wasn't the politician clinton said he could do it because he was a skillful professional politician the voters do not seem to have been convinced in the last two years that the democrats can make government work so they say we're about to give up on government that's why they're voting for so many republicans but is two years really an adequate amount of time we have an impatient electorate and they

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we have an impatient electorate and they don't like what they've seen they don't believe that this president has been able to deliver well we've got somebody we're going to put some of these questions to and that is the white house chief of staff leon panetta he's standing by to join us mr panetta thank you for being with us nice to be with you we've got several questions we want to put to you number one it looks like the democrats have lost control are losing control and anyway moved in that direction of the senate and uh cnn is projecting that the republicans will take control of as many as 50 additional seats in the house of representatives well it's obviously a disappointing trend in both the senate and the house we're not willing to surrender either at this point we think we still have a chance with the senate uh particularly if we can win minnesota and we'll pick up california and still have a shot in washington uh and in the house uh i never give up on the house until i see the numbers coming in from the west so even though the projections are out there you're hanging on to the last minute oh yeah always well what do you what do you say uh leon panetta when you hear uh

pat buchanan and others who say there is a crisis in the democratic party this change that the voters indicated they wanted two years ago has just not been delivered by the white house well there's no question that the voters tonight were sending the same message they sent two years ago which is that they do want change and they want change in a much more rapid fashion obviously the president heard that message we did try to produce change certainly in terms of the economy trying to get the deficit down trying to produce more jobs uh here in this country but the people sent a message that they don't like the way washington does business they want more uh to be done to try to clean it up here and uh they obviously take it out in the power the party that's uh in power so the president's really got to reach out now and try to work with the republicans to see if we can in fact implement change these next two years did the was the the big mistake that the brent i'm quoting pat buchanan here he said the fatal mistake president clinton made was in not reaching out to the republicans was in in effect in moving too far to the left

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too far to the left i i think the uh the issue was not so much reaching out to republicans after all the president did reach out to the republicans we made an effort on the economic plan and that was rejected we made an effort on health care and that was rejected we were able to work on the nafta treaty the trade treaty together we were able to work on crime and some other issues together i think the the real problem was that we had obviously a very ambitious agenda we couldn't get it all done i think the public when they looked at some of the failures that we were not able to achieve such as health care they kind of drew a conclusion that things were bottled up here and i think that in part contributed to uh to the disillusionment that took place and it was obviously reflected in the vote tonight we don't have the final numbers on the senate but assuming or the house for that matter but assuming the trends continue as they are the democrats lose control of both houses is this president going to be able to get the remainder of his agenda done by the end of his term well the president's clearly going to reach out on a bipartisan basis to the republicans every one of those elected tonight has to assume the responsibility that goes with that election in helping to lead this country and trying to solve the problems that are there whether it's in welfare reform keeping our economic recovery going some of the political reforms that need to be made i think those are the issues that the public wants to see change on and i think the republicans now are going to have to share some responsibility in trying to deliver on those concerns they can't simply walk away from it all right leon panetta chief of staff at the white house we thank you for being with us you mentioned there are several races we're watching and cnn will continue to keep an eye governor senate and house races a lot to keep an eye on we'll be right back [Music] cnn is declaring that george w bush has unseated and upset democratic incumbent governor ann richards in that battle in texas the

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richards in that battle in texas the republicans pick up another state house tonight no texas governor has won a second consecutive term in the last 20 years and remember there was another woman on the ballot she won tonight the republican candidate the incumbent for the senate seat k bailey hutchison in the state of wisconsin we are declaring herb cole the incumbent democratic senator the winner herb cole is a wealthy democrat spending a lot of money on his own campaign his ads have stressed his fiscal conservatism he's seeking a second term and he's won it not a surprise in utah oren hatch the incumbent republican going back to washington he is seeking his fourth term he's won it he's very conservative but he gets along very well including with a lot of liberals like ted kennedy we're gonna go to a break right now so for our local cable stations we'll be right back right after that with more cnn is declaring in california incumbent republican governor pete wilson has turned back the challenge by democrat kathleen brown and a surprising concession speech dan rostankowski long time former chairman of house ways and means conceding i'm grateful uh this is a time when i'm going to be able to uh get home and irritate my wife and my family uh i'm going to go to washington and clean out my desk and hope that president clinton will get as much cooperation from the new majority uh in the senate and whatever the majority is in the house that they've campaigned on i think that mr clinton the president of the united states has written a tremendous record i stood with him i think that health care is something that is going to happen whether it happens

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happen whether it happens incrementally or whether it will take some time to take to take effect but the people in this community uh are very concerned about crime uh and they're concerned about whether or not the government will serve them with a health care provision and so uh to you ladies and gentlemen uh that have been supportive thank you very much uh i go now uh and uh maybe look for a new uh well the former chairman of the house ways and means committee dan rostankowski of illinois defeated by a virtual nobody in terms of the campaign 31 year old chicago trade lawyer michael patrick flanagan in georgia cnn is calling newt gingrich the winner well we're not calling his uh his race now in his district but this is the way our totals look with 49 percent of the people reporting from his district mr gingrich with sixty two percent to ben jones thirty eight percent he joins us now live what was going through your mind as you heard the words of dan rostankowski conceding defeat to mr flanagan well bernie i think at one level frankly real sadness i mean dan rostankowski is a man has served his country for a long time i think served it as he thought was right he's a product of a different era in a different time and a different set of rules but i found in my dealing with him that while he was a liberal democrat and a big city machine democrat and a lot to argue over there was a toughness and an integrity in him that i think you had to admire even when you were fighting him and i think the last years have been very sad ones uh i think it was the right decision for chicago i'm glad that we have won the seat uh but nonetheless i don't think you could see somebody who has served their country that long ending their career in that kind of situation without a sense of sadness

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situation without a sense of sadness for them as people as human beings cnn is reporting tonight that quote very likely very likely the republicans will take control of the united states house of representatives with up to 50 seats rather than that that means that you will be the next speaker of the house of representatives it's uh it's a little bit of an unusual feeling we're not ready to claim that yet we want to see some votes out of the west coast and get a better sense of what's going to happen in washington state in california but certainly the trend lines up to right now look like we're clearly going to have a majority and uh bernie you know we've talked many times over the years i i can tell you it is a uh a very sobering and i think a very humbling experience to recognize the potential responsibility for the first time in 40 years uh to serve as speaker of the house on from a republican side and to recognize that it's speaker of the house not speaker of the republican party you said some very tart things about the democrats in the run-up to this election night indications that if you got into control you would go after the clintons you'd go after the white house the president you'd order hearings uh how much was bluster and how much was intent well let me say first of all i think that jim leach uh and bill clinger who will be the chairman of the banking committee and the government operations committee will have to make decisions about those things and they should do what they think is ethically technically correct for the congress to do i don't think there should be any sense of either uh going off on witch hunts nor should there be any sense of covering anything up there to do the right thing and as they see and they're both honorable men with i think impeccable reputations uh i think the deeper question is we have a contract with america we had 330 candidates sign the contract we put it in tv guide as a full-page ad we told the american people to tear it out put it on the refrigerator door and then if we got to be a majority tune in on january 4th on c-span and watch us keep our word and the fact is bernie that our first obligation as a

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is bernie that our first obligation as a party in the house is going to be to actually honor the contract if the american people accepted it and your numbers indicate they will have then we have an obligation to keep our word that in itself will be a revolutionary experience for the country to watch a party actually do in detail what it said it would do before the election a lot of people are wondering since you will be the next speaker of the house of representatives if all indications hold up are you going to moderate your rhetoric in the interest of bipartisanship oh i think you know that when you're a backbencher or you're the minority whip you have a style that reflects one level of responsibility and and uh you know if you become speaker of the house and you are given the honor of serving the country and that position and i'd be the first georgian to do so in a

hundred and three years you know you really i think have an obligation to think through how do you best represent the house and how do you best represent serving the american people on behalf of your colleagues and i think you know clearly uh newt gingrich or frankly anybody else would have to look at that as a very serious and solemn obligation and i would certainly hope that i could grow into it and i don't think that newt gingrich republican whip is the same behavior pattern in terms of style and speeches and aggressiveness that you'd want to have in the speaker of the house was that a yes or no well you could say yes i mean maybe i'm too much of a history teacher but i think it's a yes okay thank you newt gingrich in suburban atlanta you're welcome judy well bernie while you've been talking to newt gingrich uh cnn is uh coming in with coming up with some numbers that indicate that it is now very likely that the republicans will pick up control of the senate because they have picked up an additional senate seat from the democrats rick santorum we are calling him the winner uh defeating the incumbent democratic senator in pennsylvania harris walker the second incumbent senator to go down to defeat harris wofford this is a very symbolic victory because wofford's victory in a special election in 1991 presaged

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in a special election in 1991 presaged clinton's election and now wofford appears to be losing his seat in the senate in connecticut cnn is declaring the winner of the gubernatorial race republican john rowland of waterbury a former member of the u s congress this was a four-way race to succeed lowell weiker who governed connecticut as an independent roland was a controversial candidate who had some personal difficulties he appears to have come through no winner yet in the state of new york but a lot of eyes are on this one the new york governor's race uh mario cuomo the incumbent of course being challenged by george pataki and maybe we're going to see some numbers and maybe we're not yes we are here they come 48 percent for mr pataki 45 for the incumbent and tom golisano the independent who was endorsed by ross perot four percent this would be a very bitter defeat for mario cuomo who was seeking his fourth term and it's a bit of a letdown i think for if pataki does win for the mayor of new york city he's a republican rudy giuliani he's gonna if pataki wins he'll have a republican in albany but it's a republican he didn't endorse and who he does not get along with we're gonna see warfare in the new york republican party a bush one in texas tonight this is how it looks for the other bush in florida's gubernatorial race with 75 percent of the precincts in incumbent democrat lawton childers holding on with 51 percent to jeb bush's 49 if jeb bush loses this race and is very very close right now a lot of people say he just went too far with an attack he had accusing childers of failing to sign a death warrant for a convicted murderer but childers fired right back at him with an aggressive ad saying that it was beyond his control and a lot of people criticized the bush ad as unfair we're still counting votes in the state just north of florida in georgia the incumbent democrat zell miller holding on bill schneider and he has bill clinton around his neck he was an early supporter of bill clinton the uh milner speaking the milner ads uh featured that uh his connection with clinton very prominently all right i'm still thinking about what

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all right i'm still thinking about what newt gingrich said a different tone we can talk about that later on right now we have to pause and we'll come back there's still a lot lot more we're not going anywhere we hope that you won't finally got an answer no we're not george w bush flashing the thumbs up the smile of victory he will be the next governor of texas his home state he's unseated the democratic incumbent ann richards his dad former president george herbert walker bush was described by son jeb as being a nervous wreck last night we told you that the race in florida showed incumbent democrat lawton childers ahead so the former president apparently can conclude at least one of his two competing sons is a winner tonight tony clark in contrast is at the headquarters of ann richards also in austin tony bernie the mood here i think is now a realization that it is all over the crowd has been taking uh what joy there is in some other democratic down ballot democrat victories tonight but i think if anything there has been surprise at the margin we've been saying all along this race was going to be a race that was too close to call the margin was about 10 percent everyone waited for it

to close and it didn't i'm tony clark cnn reporting live from the richards headquarters back to the national desk now the next governor of texas george w bush [Music] [Applause] [Music] thank you very much thank you thank you what texans can dream texans

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what texans can dream texans can do this victory tonight is a great honor the vote carries with it an awesome responsibility texas is ready for a new generation of leadership and i will provide [Applause] three to the state of california and to i believe we're going to the headquarters of uh pete wilson uh where uh we are where we just a few moments ago even though the polls closed there about 15 minutes ago we have already declared pete wilson the winner in the governor's race in the state of california he was being challenged by democrat kathleen brown the sister of the former governor and the daughter of the former governor and now pat etheridge is at pete wilson's headquarters and pat tell us what the moon is there well the folks here say no surprises and joining us here at pete wilson headquarters is the governor's campaign manager george gordon george thanks for being with you tonight cnn has just called the race for governor pete wilson your reaction well it's a huge win for pete it's probably the biggest comeback in california history we're down 23 points we come up to win by 10 points probably the only person in history to beat a brother-sister act we're just very very happy what a difference a year makes as you said a year ago when kathleen brown came out of the gate she had more than a 20-point lead how did you turn this thing around well you know we concentrated on three issues that were really important to california jobs uh immigration and uh crime and pete wilson has a great record on those three issues and we were able to contrast his record with kathleen brown's rhetoric so we're in

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kathleen brown's rhetoric so we're in great shape well it sounded in the final days of the campaign as if governor wilson was uh campaigning more against president clinton than he was kathleen brown what are his uh plans for 1996 well president clinton made the big mistake to come to california and tell californians what to do we soundly rejected the president and uh he told him so uh but pete is uh going to be a great governor and that's what we expect him to be in spite of what we expect to be a large number of people asking him to do something else george gordon campaign manager for pete wilson thank you very much for being with us tonight and we'll be standing by for the victory speech for now i'm pat etheridge reporting live in los angeles i'm from los angeles back to texas where ann richards is conceding he deserves god speed that means he deserves our help now i don't want anyone i don't want anyone here to feel like they lost a thing i don't want any of us to go home with anything but a great deal of pride in our hearts we had a great four years [Applause] we we worked hard we ran a good race we have done a lot of good for texas this is not the end of the world it is the end of a campaign [Music] [Applause] if you're just joining cnn's live coverage of this election night the republican party is writing another chapter in american political history to give you an idea of one element of that we call in our band at the house desk frank sesno

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our band at the house desk frank sesno burning a rising tide lift all boat lifts all boats as so they say and the republicans are sailing right to victory in the house of representatives cnn estimating that the republicans will take more than enough seats to take control of the house of representatives for the first time in 40 years and here's what's interesting it is cutting across all regions it is cutting across all ages it is cutting across literally all the candidates let's look at a few in illinois five the lion the powerhouse dan rostankowski goes down to defeat dan rostankowski being defeated by little known michael flanagan thirty one-year-old lawyer rostankowski elected in 1958 checks out in 1994. let's go over to pennsylvania in the 13th district marjorie margolies-mezvinsky she was a freshman she cast the decisive vote for the budget for the budget and i'm sorry let me just break in here and go back to bernie the national desk for some more breaking news bernie thank you cnn is declaring an upset in the governorship of new york state the challenger george pataki the independent now is the winner over incumbent democrat mario cuomo governor cuomo had served in the

state as the head of the state for 12 years as the chief executive cnn declares george pataki the winner you'll recall president clinton that campaign on behalf of governor cuomo but apparently it was not enough now back to you frank well thanks very much bernie as we were saying about that rising tide we left off in pennsylvania 13 where marjorie margolie's mezvinsky the freshman locked in a tough race with john fox fox not considered a strong candidate the republican margolis mezvinsky cast the decisive vote for the clinton budget but look what's happening 66 percent in margolis mezvinsky back 50 to 44 over in ohio 19 another freshman eric fingerhunt he came in as a reformer he came in determined to change washington if ever there was a poster boy for changing washington and doing things a new way and bringing in all that extra energy it was eric fingerhunt and look what's

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it was eric fingerhunt and look what's happening to him stu rothenberg you've been watching this all night long your mouth has been open half the time in amazement because as you pointed out this is a watershed election each one of these three people represents something very significant you bet frank and when you have a bloodbath this thing happens all different kinds of incumbents go down and whether it's an outsider who who ran as an outsider who is now an insider and goes down or whether it's someone in a republican district who gets swept away by the way they're all going let me jump in here we're going to go back to the national desk and judy woodruff judy thank you frank and we want to go to uh new york's uh senator who was not running for reelection tonight alfons d'amato senator d'amato you were a big supporter to say the least of mr pataki this must be a sweet night for you i think it's a great night for the people in new york i think they really said enough is enough they had 12 years of overspending over taxing uh decline in in jobs and decline in hope and opportunity a criminal justice system that broke down and and um and i'm i'm delighted and pleased that they made the kind of change they did george pataki will be a great governor all right senator d'amato will maybe come back to you a little bit later thank you for that now to jeb bush speaking in florida you have made a difference you have made a difference you all have made a difference and together we will continue to work to advocate these ideas and i look forward to working with you in the years to come i want to thank tom and ellen feeney for being by our side [Applause]

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i want to thank my beautiful wife columba and my children for tolerating this mission and i want to thank the finest group of a campaign organization this state has ever seen and i thank you all for everything you've done god bless you all thank you very much for your support let's keep on working hard to make this state a great state to live thank you very much we did not hear the beginning of that speech but it sounded very much bernie and bill like it i'm told it was a concession speech on the part of jeb bush the younger bush brother did not make the governor's chair in in florida the older bush brother george w bush both sons of the former president the older brother did make it in texas this is a mixed night for the bush family one win one loss and to use a baseball metaphor for the former president who played a lot of baseball at yale the former president is batting 500. if i'm not i suppose you could say that's not bad but it clearly not a happy night for jeb bush we'll be back with more results more analysis right after this [Music] cnn declares a winner in new york george pataki upsetting incumbent mario cuomo a very bitter defeat from mary okomi pataki the hand-picked candidate by senator alfons d'amato who was not endorsed by the republican mayor rudy giuliani of new york city in oregon cnn declares john kitzhaber the winner the democrat in an open seat turning back a challenge by a couple people among them republican benny smith of salem kitzhaber is a physician and he was the

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kitzhaber is a physician and he was the author of oregon's innovative health care plan although the plan is also controversial that's right well cnn's uh we're going to go to a break and right after that we hope we hope to uh i'm told that zell miller cnn is declaring zell miller the winner in the georgia governor's race beating back a challenge from uh the republican mr milner and we're going to take a break and when we come back

perhaps hear from wolf blitzer at the white house we'll be right back [Music] if you've missed larry lately you missed a lot that was quite a campaign here in the state of georgia guy miller the incumbent democrat will keep his job i said guy i should have said zell another person who will keep his job as a united states senator from virginia senator charles robb joins us um you said when you made your victory statement tonight how sweet it is what was the sweetest part of aside from the obvious bernie i guess just the very fact that as you know a difficult campaign had been successfully completed i know you were a marine and my two opponents were marines so it was not going to be easy and the fact that everybody came together and lots of people contributed to that victory and i'm just very grateful to be standing before you as someone privileged to continue to serve my state you said lots of people contributed to your victory would you include among them nancy reagan i would i kidded at the time when i was surprised of her statement and i hadn't heard about it previously i i just comment i said i don't believe i could have said it any better myself there's no question that she said

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there's no question that she said something that had been articulated but perhaps less succinctly by other members of the reagan administration and i think that did contribute the fact that my colleague former governor doug wilder made his endorsement and then worked very hard to follow through on it was a very positive factor the fact that i was energized by by a little criticism of my marine record that clearly got my hackles up contributed to it the fact that a lot of people started focusing on the fact that this wasn't just a a protest but we're going to select somebody to make decisions for us for the next six years and we want to stay in the mainstream okay i hope you can hear me well because i want you to really help us out on this everybody was watching this race between you and oliver north and it was clear that turnout tonight would be absolutely crucial we know that several weeks ago it appeared as if you were going to be political toast tonight so tell us based on all your exit polls that you've seen and talking with your staff what did it and where in the state bernie i can't tell you i haven't seen any exit polls yet we were confident that if we could stick to our game plan and we knew it was one-fourth of the money that ollie north had that if we could stick to it and get our message out that we'd ultimately prevail i think that's what happened we had to work hard we couldn't take any chances and i was not sure you mentioned the fact that we had good weather a good turnout i probably should have included the weatherman when i saw that we had good weather projected three or four days out i started watching the weather very closely there's no question that a big turnout was beneficial to me and that that ought to be added into the other factors i just mentioned okay but reality tonight at 11 33 eastern time is that you won the battle but your party has lost the war not only in the senate but in the house of representatives well bernie there's no question there's going to be a big change i

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going to be a big change i the president called me and the vice president called me and the outgoing majority leader called me and we all talked about the fact that it was going to be different i do think that there may be a silver lining in this particular cloud even for democrats we had become so polarized and i i would say that it started on the other side but nonetheless the perception is that we weren't working together this will force us to work together and i think that the ability to tackle some really tough problems requires bipartisanship if you're going to have the confidence of the country no matter what solutions you come up with that that may be the silver lining and in terms of the the fact that we're now going to be in the minority and all of us who had or aspired to chairmanships will now be or aspire to be ranking members thank you very much senator rob for joining us today thank you bernie you're welcome and bernie while you've been talking to the newly re-elected senator chuck rob we learned that the man who apparently will be the next speaker of the house of representatives newt gingrich has won his district the sixth district of georgia beating back a challenge from uh democrat ben jones bill well that's an important victory for mr gingrich there there was a little while where people thought maybe he could go down to defeat as well but uh he talked about becoming speaker of the house and he insists he'll be speaker of the whole house not just the leader of the republican party and sounding a moderate tone when bernie interviewed him not too long ago in missouri no surprise here incumbent richard gephardt has won easily his third congressional district seat he's going back to

washington yes but he may not be going back as majority leader in the house he may be the minority leader and if tom foley is defeated tonight in washington we have no no indications yet from that race richard gephardt could become the leading democrat in the next congress and in florida we heard jeb bush's concession speech a moment ago now we're looking at the winner lawton child the democrat holds on to his second term in running the state house and i'll tell you something important about this race the eight largest states had races for

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the eight largest states had races for governor and this is the only surviving democrat in all of the eight largest states in the country lot in charleston florida richards and cuomo were defeated cnn usa election 94 what are they thinking at the white house let's call in our senior man there wolf blitzer wolf well bernie there's no doubt there's great disappointment here at the white house but let's get it from the white house press secretary dede myers who's kind enough to join us here on the north lawn of the white house thank you very much dede for spending some time first question this looks like the worst case disaster for the for the white house losing control of the senate and probably the house of representatives well results are still coming in but of course we're disappointed we would have liked to have won a few more of those races out there tonight we're still watching some of the results coming in and keeping our fingers crossed for people like senator dianne feinstein and anne winner who's running up in minnesota and we'll have to wait and see what the final results are but we would have liked to have won more races tonight and clearly the american people are disappointed in the state of government generally this is a referendum on washington and congress and government generally i think the president clearly now will reach out to the republicans to the new republican leaders should that be the case tomorrow morning and look towards working together to start rebuilding this country uh to reform government and to get moving forward it's not about moving right or left it's about moving forward that's the president's commitment i think that's where he'll want to go tomorrow the president campaigned very hard for mario cuomo in new york state looks like george pataki has now won this must be a major source of disappointment in new york state well absolutely i mean governor cuomo did a wonderful job for 12 years he was one of the most articulate and impassioned democrats in the country his leadership will be missed i'm sure he won't retreat from public life however uh president clinton did campaign for him i think it helped it was a close race the governor came from a ways back and almost got over the top so uh we were grateful for that but disappointed in the outcome okay dede myers thank you very much for spending your time with us now back to the national desk thanks wolf we want to go to florida now where lawton childs is making a victory statement the lord

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making a victory statement the lord always holds back a remnant he always has a remnant uh many of y'all were our remnant i want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for that with with all of that anger and all of that frustration it took an awful lot for y'all to continue to have the faith and the hope that that we could present that we could that we could take care of our we could take care of our children uh we could take care of our schools uh putting them in the hands of teachers and parents i uh i think the 50 000 parents and teachers that we had empowered in our school improvement for ah thank you go ahead no after you lawton childs is making a victory statement but uh so many other democrats tonight are not so happy he just described himself as a as a remnant the he's the one democrat in the eight largest states who remains in office pennsylvania turned republican new york turned republican texas turned republican and republicans got reelected in michigan ohio illinois and california big states big states big implications for 1996. you're watching history tonight as cnn's live coverage continues to bring you the results in this very historic chapter chapter in american politics and we'll be right back

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[Music] well we're just gaga with what's going on you wonder you we all have several questions i wonder what's going through republican mayor rudolph giuliani's mind having endorsed mario cuomo who lost tonight to the republican challenger george pataki i think what's going through his mind is oh my god i'm going to have to live with george pataki in albany i endorsed his opponent al d'amato controls the state house what is going to happen to me and to new york city and i'm wondering what's going on in the minds of about i don't know a couple of dozen republicans in the house in the senate who are going to be moving into chairmanships we'll see let's go right now to our speaking of chairmanships uh to the house desk into our own frank sesno thanks judy i'm not chairman of anything but i have been watching these races very closely cnn now estimating 47 house seats give or take five or so will fall to the republicans giving the republicans a decisive grip on the house of representatives for the first time in 40 years take a look at this going into this election the democrats held the clear edge with uh 256 and now it's a change the democrats losing 19 so far the republicans picking up 19. the night is still young though and what is officially taking place is what you see on your screen about what cnn is estimating is that this will be a republican night for the house of representatives we've been doing some exit polling talking to people across the country as they come out from their vote and you can see what's happening when you ask uh what what how does it break down across the age groups the democrats losing every single age group except the youngest voters 18 to 29 and right there it splits right down the middle dan rostankowski has already acknowledged his defeat jack brooks in texas in a very tough race and out in washington state the very earliest results coming in tom foley already behind we go back to the national desk now thanks very much and here is mr gephardt of missouri making his victory statement

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of missouri making his victory statement tonight out there in his state in your loyalty jane gephardt and dick gephardt thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this victory throughout my career i've met a lot of gifted public servants but i think we all agree tonight that the finest public servant that we've ever known in the state of missouri and a national treasure is none other than tom eagleton from majority leader to minority leader it looks like dick gephardt is going to be changing jobs bill well it depends on whether tom foley gets returned to the to the house if he goes back to the house i guess he could be the minority leader for the democrats she's voted but you know i was struck by something that senator charles robb who defeated oliver north tonight turned back the north challenge said he said because of this change in the senate because of this change in the house the apparent change this will force us to work together well i think the american people were actually sending a message and it wasn't a partisan message they voted for a democrat for the president now they voted for republican congress could the american people be saying we want bipartisanship we want to put an end to partisanship that could be the message in the election returns from 1992 and 1994 please work together democratic president republican congress get something done we heard from frank sesno in the house now bruce morton very busy man at our senate desk how does it look bernie it looks um transformed you know when the british surrendered to the americans at the end of the revolution the band according to the history books played a tune called the world turned upside down and if i knew the melody i'd try to whistle it when we started just to sort of sum up how this evening has gone out of the hundred senate seats republicans had just 44 needed to gain seven in order to take control here is where we stand now

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control here is where we stand now a net gain of eight for them five undecided there are still some of those that could go either way but if nothing changes they will have control and a little margin to spare we can talk later about who all the committee chairman will be my personal favorite is strom thurman who will celebrate his 92nd birthday next month who's been in the senate since the 1950s and will be chairman of the armed services committee so much for term limits back to the national desk lot to talk about there with those changeovers and those committee heads chairman jesse helms of north carolina republican chairman of the senate armed no senate foreign relations committee don't forget that the republicans can have considered themselves a tyrannized minority in the house of representatives for 40 years shut out of power and far less

powerful as a minority in the house than the republican minority has been in the senate they are coming back to power and this is going to be an enormous change in washington i could just imagine you imagine all the patriots jobs in washington suddenly you'll have republican elevator operators instead of democratic is that really the way it's done bernie oh wait a minute wait a minute they have a contract with america and they say in the first hundred days they're going to change the way congress works so we'll be watching yep all right we talked about the world turned upside down in the senate uh in the governor's races this year the world has turned upside down and let's go to gene reserve at the governor's desk it's happening in the house it's happening in the senate it is happening in the governorships too republicans are giving democrats eviction notices from governor's mansions all over the country going into this election democrats held 29 governorship republicans had 20 one was independent and look at how things have changed now when we look at these new numbers we see the republicans have picked up 10 governorship they only needed six for a majority they've knocked off incumbents in new mexico new york and texas they held onto that big state of california the only bright light for the democrats at this point is florida where lot and childs has held on to that governorship the sands are shifting indeed and they are shifting right out from under the

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are shifting right out from under the democrats feet back to the national desk some big changes big changes we're all keeping an eye tonight on these very important races in the house senate and the governors but across the country dozens and dozens of so-called initiatives ballot measures were there for voters to consider in oregon voters considered a ballot measure that allows terminally ill people to obtain lethal medications and we look at the results here at this hour this is 120 000 voting for 113 000 against the so-called assisted suicide measure very divisive issue with a lot of religious voters protesting that this kind of power should not be left in the hands of doctors and individuals it belongs to god that's right this ballot measure 16 does allow doctors to prescribe a fatal dose of painkillers but only after a waiting period and a second medical opinion supporters had argued that the measure which will be the first of its kind in the nation will let doctors end unbearable pain there's a lot going on as you see at the bottom of your screen throughout this evening we're going to be showing you a lot of what's still to come in these closing states where the polls close the hot button abortion issue appeared on only one state ballot this election day initiative number one in wyoming proposes to ban the procedure except in cases of rape incest or endangerment of the mother's life here's how the telly is shaping up at this hour big setback for the anti-abortion movement in wyoming and looking on the national movement to limit term limits to limit how long members of congress and other elected officials may serve may be gaining momentum tonight here's a look at the term limit measures that have passed so far in nevada it was question eight it is we're calling it past with a 71 percent vote and let's see if we have any other states where the result in from maine it was question one and it's passed there as well with 63 percent of the vote

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in nebraska measure 408 it passed again 67 percent of the vote and we're going to move in here we're going to interrupt our look at these uh ballot measures to go to uh patrick kennedy the son of edward kennedy his speech in rhode island running for congress without your friendship tonight would not have been possible thank you mount pleasant we would not be celebrating a victory tonight if it were not for the untiring work of so many of you in this room i want to thank my staff the volunteers my family and my colleagues in the legislature and local government for all the help that each one of you have given to me and to this campaign thank you each one of you for being here i'd like to congratulate my opponent kevin vigilante for a well-fought campaign though we disagreed on much we shared a common faith in rhode island and a common optimism about the future of our state during the past few months i've had the honor and privilege of meeting and talking with thousands of my fellow rhode islanders from the blackstone valley to acquit nick island i heard the same concerns about the future of our state from senior citizens to factory floors i felt the same uncertainties but i also saw a determination a determination to seize the future and to make rhode island a better place to live

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i look forward to working in the years ahead to listening to you and to making sure that your voice is heard in washington d.c [Applause] mother joan kennedy standing behind patrick kennedy is accepting his victory speech a house seat in rhode island now to mario cuomo who has lost his bid to be re-elected to a fourth term of governor of the state of new york thank you very much thank you very much i'm i'm sorry i'm i'm sorry we kept you so long but uh it it was a it was a close race and a complicated one and we had to make sure you got your money's worth but i've been trying to get uh hold of george pataki for the last 10 minutes or so i'm sure by now he has the message uh what i wanted to do personally but what i will do right now is congratulate george pataki and libby no please please no no no on on it was it was indeed it was indeed a long and a tough struggle george pataki is the next governor of the state of new york we will all respect him we will work with him i congratulate him and libby and his family and i'm sure i'm sure that you want to do the same and now please don't spoil it you are the classiest group in america and don't you ever spoil it let me uh let me as briefly as i can and i'm

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let me as briefly as i can and i'm afraid i will leave people out but there are some thank yous i have to make specifically to the members of my family matilda margaret howard andrew kerry maria ken madeleine and brian chris my brother frankie my sister marie joan and ted who even when they might have preferred for me to return to private life sacrificed so much and worked so hard over and over so that i could have the opportunity to serve to the greatest lieutenant if you're just joining us mario cuomo the democratic governor of new york has been roundly defeated by the republican challenger george pataki our live coverage of this fascinating historic election tonight will continue in a moment [Music] washington d.c marion barry being challenged by republican carol schwartz bury making a statement now probably across september 13th the same grace on november the 8th is it amazing what we can do we talk together work together plan together work together yeah pray together and vote together yeah to build our city is it amazing when we see that we are more liked and different my friends here in washington indeed it's amazing yeah yes it is we have dreamed the impossible dream and made them possible possible yes we have taken mountains that are in our way and remove those mountains yeah we have

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and remove those mountains yeah we have come together as never before but in coming together now is not the time to gloat in our success in our victory yeah or be cynical or negative in our defeat that's right now is the time to build bridges together yes and help me rebuild washington together marion barry who was a former mayor of washington d.c who was convicted of drug possession and spent time in prison uh bill he uh he's won re-elections cnn is calling as he was expected to do that's an overwhelmingly democratic city the point was that when he won the primary that was a very racially polarized vote he got almost no white votes well this time his republican opponent carol schwartz uh appears to have cut very heavily into the african-american vote in washington she's doing extraordinarily well many more votes than you would expect from just the white community support alone that's a city with a very small republican a registered vote number registered republican voters and yet as we just saw she got 44 percent of the vote to all our viewers in the united states around the world don't go away we're coming up at the top of the hour the republican party is pulling off a deluge in the house and in the senate judy bill and i and the rest of our colleagues will tell you all about it right after this local cable station break [Music] cnn calls the winner in the south carolina governor's race he is david beasley the republican that means the gop holds on to that seat a very important victory for christian conservatives who lost their uh their candidate in virginia oliver north beasley was elected to south carolina into the house as a democrat when he was in college rosen ranks to become the youngest speaker pro tem and majority leader in any state legislature switched to the

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in any state legislature switched to the republican party and is a leader in the christian conservative

movement around the country taking you out into the far pacific cnn declares that daniel akaka the democratic incumbent has won turning back a challenge from the rancher out there 76 year old maria eustis he is going back to washington this was a safe democratic seat he's a native hawaiian he's finishing the term of the late senator spark matsunaga he's now running for his first full term in the senate we should note that it's after midnight now and uh the polls have closed in all 50 states at midnight they close eastern time anyway they close in the state of alaska so if you think you've had a lot of information you haven't seen or heard anything yet republicans from coast to coast and certainly those in the senate and the house those who ran tonight are singing happy days are here again because bruce morton who's at the senate desk is going to help us give you an idea of how the senate committees in washington will shape up bruce well bernie the fact is uh the senate is virtually certain to be republican i can't think of anything that could happen now we've declared so many races that could turn that around so take a look the banking committee will be chaired by senator alfonso stamato of new york who we've seen on the air this evening you can bet there will be aggressive whitewater hearings because that's a favorite cause of his john chafee of rhode island gets environment bob packwood gets the finance committee which he chaired the last time the republicans had the senate william roth of delaware who was reelected tonight gets government affairs uh strong thurmond as i mentioned a while ago gets armed services jesse hicks if north carolina gets the foreign relations committee there'll be a big change of tone there a lot less welcome to the united nations for instance what really happens legislatively may not change that much bernie because as we all learned these last two years now that everything including the reading of the minutes gets filibustered you need 60 votes to get anything through the united states senate mr clinton didn't have those last time the republicans won't have those this time but what will change is the tone the

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but what will change is the tone the agenda of the debate they'll be arguing about what defense programs to increase not how to spend the peace dividend things like that and i think the other thing that's happened is a lot of the new republicans are very conservative republicans fred thompson in in tennessee campaigned limit congressional sessions to six months cut their pay send them home bill Frist the other new tennessee republican very conservative uh jim inhofe uh in uh out west uh so the whole republican caucus is going to be more conservative than it was and that's going to push a majority leader as we assume he'll be bob dole to the right the whole tone of the debate is going to move i think bruce i'm looking at the list here and what really two things surprise me uh first of all the new chairman of the labor committee will be the senator from kansas the junior senator from kansas nancy landon kassabaum and i'm really surprised that as you look at the agriculture committee richard Lugar of indiana who's been a stalwart on the senate foreign relations committee now becomes chairman of synod agriculture well seniority rules as you know bernie and that's that's just the way the numbers come out okay thank you bruce morton at the senate desk we can't say it enough this has been an absolutely politically gaga night another chapter in american political history but you know from the white house we heard conciliatory sounds of course they have very little choice they have to live with the republican congress but from when we talked to bob dolan when you interviewed newt gingrich they weren't sounding angry and combative we're going to stop everything president clinton wants to do we heard a little bit of a new newt so to speak he said he intends to be speaker of the whole house not just the spokesman for the republican party so there's a sense of perhaps maybe a glimmer of bipartisanship coming out of the republican congress you don't suppose that the message the voters were sending may have gotten through to the republicans and the democrats in washington well i think it certainly got through to

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well i think it certainly got through to the republicans and i think Deedy Myers of the white house president's uh press spokeswoman indicated that it got through to the democrats she said it's clear that the american people want to see some change in their interview with wolf blitzer and i think the republicans realize that if they don't produce over the next two years guess what the voters will come back and do it again i've always maintained the american voters are in such a surly mood they know they're the consumers they want to see action if they don't get it they'll go to the polls they'll do again what they did tonight cnn's Brooks Jackson has

been taking a look not just tonight but for the last number of weeks and even longer at how much money is being spent in some of these campaigns tonight right now he's going to talk to us about some of the so-called millionaire candidates brooks that's right judy uh and first for all the talk we've heard of change tonight the desire for change and the big changes we're seeing in one sense it's been business as usual tonight 31 senate races by my account have been declared so far in every one of those senate races except two the person who spent the most money got the most votes the exceptions are ollie north of course in virginia spent 20 million dollars in loss even though he outspent chuck robb by about four to one and um in uh in tennessee jim cooper marginally uh outspent fred thomas three and a half million dollars to three million dollars and yet mr cooper lost he uh his campaign was fueled by a lot of money from health care interests which were interested in his more moderate version of health reform in the house the senate remains a millionaires club but not every millionaire can get in we've seen tonight those winning include herb coal of wisconsin who spent six million dollars of his own money to win re-election very seldom do you see millionaires spending a lot of money out of their own pocket to win the second time to run the second time but senator cole has done it uh frank lautenberg 900 000 to help him hold on to his seat in new

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to help him hold on to his seat in new jersey but look at some of the millionaires who lost mitt romney in massachusetts spent 3.6 million dollars losing to ted kennedy richard fisher 2 million dollars in texas losing there and we could go down the list a little bit but a lot of personal money went into losing races tonight back to the national desk thank you very much brooks cnn is ready now to uh call a race in washington state incumbent republican senator slade gordon 650 no he's not he's 66 years old he's the incumbent he has beat back a strong challenge from rod sims the 46 year old african-american council member in seattle president clinton campaign out there yes and this looked like a one of the few republican seats that might go democratic he was elected in 1980 lost in 1986 then was elected again in 1988 and seeking his second consecutive term and with that call that means the republicans will definitely have control of the senate they have now picked up enough seats so that even if they lost a seat somewhere else they would still have control of the senate so it's now official this is this is official the republicans will be the majority party in the new senate president clinton is going to have to live with the republican senate and possibly also a republican house the cynics would say this was a vote for gridlock but i think it's easier to say the data point to the conclusion that it was a vote for bipartisanship for centrism people want to see the democrats and republicans cooperating they haven't seen much cooperation between the democratic president and the democratic congress so i'm not sure they see it's going to make a big deal a great deal of difference with when the republicans come in all right another senate seat we're keeping a close eye on is that in california dianne feinstein cnn's greg lafave is at feinstein headquarters in san francisco greg well judy the mood here is not as bright as it was earlier this evening the question around here is does money talk and apparently in california it does by a vote some would say of 28 to 14 that is 28 million dollars to 14

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that is 28 million dollars to 14 uh 28 million dollars to 14 million dollars mike huffington the republican challenger is giving dianne feinstein a run for her money here tonight in california the exit polls show one thing the count currently is showing something else it's a very tense night here up north in california and we will stay with it back to you judy all right greg uh talking about money we were just hearing from brooks jackson just before this how much money was spent in this race i mean between the republican and the democrat well california's a big state with incredibly expensive television markets and michael huffington got out there fast and said he'd spend whatever it takes this is what we have so far with just three percent of the precincts reporting this is very very fragmentary the uh we we what 30 million is that was that the number i stumbled i can't get it out there 30 million dollars in diane feinstein i believe she took out a second or a third mortgage on her phone second mortgage on her home and she doesn't exactly come from a poor family herself she doesn't exactly come from a poor family her husband is a well-to-do real estate developer that's right and of course we don't go anywhere unless and until we report all the important races

clearly this one in california one of them our live coverage will continue in a moment cnn's cast modern fleets and warm hospitality just a few of the things that make asiana the jewel of asia hey cnn now takes a look at undeclared races in minnesota where ann winia the

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in minnesota where ann winia the democrat was the democratic party's hope for a comeback here we're not declaring anything 50 percent of the precincts end this is probably the only remaining chance for the democrats to pick up a senate seat from the republicans in minnesota a very interesting race underway at this hour in nevada the senate race in nevada we we can't call it uh so we're going to come back to that in a minute it's going to go we're going to go to the arizona governor's race where as you see fife symington holding on so far 21 of the vote in 55 percent to mr basha's 42 percent symington was considered an endangered republican governor because of his personal financial woes but looks like he's doing pretty well what's happening in maryland in that gubernatorial race well with 99 percent of the precincts in look at this too close to goal this is a big surprise maryland is a very democratic state ellen sowerbray ran on one theme tax cuts tax cuts tax cuts she is anti-abortion she was critical of gun control and people thought she was probably a dead duck in maryland but look at that alabama governor this is a close one look at this the republican looks to be ahead at this hour 76 percent of the vote in the republican bob james ahead of jim folsom by uh well it's it's 50 50 bill it's an interesting race folsom's father was governor of alabama and bob james was a democrat who switched to the republicans in 72 and back to the democrats in 78 and was a former governor himself as a democrat now he's running as a republican look at this with 24 percent of precedence and cnn is declaring a winner in the race here the democrats apparently are going to keep this one that's right that's bob miller who's seeking his second full term he became acting governor after governor brian was elected to the senate and in the governor's race in the state of idaho we don't have a winner yet but we're looking at mr batt the republican

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looking at mr batt the republican 51 percent larry echo hawk native american 45 percent yes larry eccle hawk would be the first native american governor he's a democrat and a mormon he's the attorney general the democrats have not lost the governorship in idaho since 1966 almost 30 years you know so much going on i just wanted to observe that in that maryland gubernatorial race paris glendinning is trailing glendinning's running mate is a kennedy none other than [Laughter] the house of representatives will not be the same tomorrow morning and certainly not in the 104th congress frank sesno is watching that very closely bernie guess who's thinking about being speaker of the house it's newt gingrich tonight let's take a look at why first of all some of the powerhouses are in very desperate trouble out in the state of washington the current speaker of the house with 22 percent of the vote in now tom foley is well behind the challenger george nether cut 53 percent another cut for another cut to 47 for foley foley a 15-term democrat he felt the anti-incumbent lash very personally or so it seems onward to illinois now another line of the democratic party falling to this wave of republicanism tonight dan rostankowski losing in uh despite what you see there some confusing numbers there but michael flanagan has won and mr rostankowski has conceded in chicago where from to not where tonight the sound was of the changing of the guard i hope that uh mr flanagan will endeavor to serve this congressional district as i have tried to serve it i got off the phone just a few minutes ago with a class act with a gracious man with a very very very wonderful human being i talked with representative rastinkowski for just a few minutes

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few minutes but he wished me well he congratulated the people of the district he wishes none of that and he wishes us all well and i think we owe him a hand for many years of good service and to north carolina where another veteran democrat is in deep trouble with 80 of the vote in charlie rose 50 50. look at that about 500 votes separating him from robert anderson uh who in the world of politics is a virtual nobody stuart rothenberg we've been looking at this let's put this in some historical perspective going into tonight's election

the republicans had a majority delegation congressional delegation in the south only in florida as of right now we can say that they have majority delegations in georgia in south carolina in north carolina and in tennessee yeah it's a sea change uh it's not just freshmen not just old-timers not just in the south it's across the country it's some old bulls who we wouldn't have expected to lose and some surprises that we're going to see over the next couple of hours as well over the next couple of hours and we're going to be watching very closely especially out on the west coast of course back to the national days thank you frank we've got some fresh fresh information from exit polls and bill is going to share that with us bill we're going to look at the state of california where pete wilson has been re-elected as the governor and here's something extraordinary in california in california 61 percent of the voters said the state economy isn't good but look at what they did they voted to re-elect pete wilson those who set the economy isn't good in california as most did now why did they elect pete wilson the top issue in california was crime and there he led kathleen brown the democratic challenger by better than two to one another top issue was immigration he ran hard as a supporter of the anti-illegal immigration referendum and there too he had a very strong lead over kathleen brown now we asked people in the california senate race which was a very expensive race who spent too much money and the answer was half the voters said

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was half the voters said they both did and both candidates shared the blame for that who attacked the other candidate unfairly in the california race it was a bitter campaign and the voters said both candidates were at fault the top issue in that california senate race however experience cited by over a quarter of the voters and that separates the two candidates it works heavily in feinstein's favor if she wins this senate race in california tonight it'll be because the can the voters in california were looking for the candidate with experience that was dianne feinstein i don't want to sound like i'm bragging but as you know we're just a fraction of the cnn news team worldwide and certainly here in the united states and certainly on this election night we all worked very hard for the common good you're good to provide information bob fernand the executive producer of this broadcast a couple days ago handed me this piece of paper he said you and judy might want to use this tonight election night i'll just quote from you what it says this is newspaper column former president richard nixon predicts that the gop will pick up seven seats in the senate and 25 in the house in the 1994 congressional elections enough to give republicans control of the senate and to ensure their highest total in the house in 40 years of course this was before the former president passed away not bad he's all he's been known for some good repub for good political picks and this is another one there's much more to come on cnn's live coverage please stay with us we'll be right back looking at some propositions and other ballot issues proposition 187 the very controversial one in california which would virtually cut off all public services except emergency medical care to illegal immigrants that proposition is

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illegal immigrants that proposition is very strongly ahead right now it had been slipping in the polls and that might be the reason why pete wilson was re-elected he ran hard on this issue kathleen brown hoped that she could ride opposition to it to a victory like prop 13 in california in 1978 this kind of proposition is something that could spread all over the country just north in the state of oregon the so-called right to die assisted suicide ballot measure number 16 right now it is running very close yes 51 no 49 bill i think those vote totals show us exactly how divisive and controversial this measure is okay looking at the so-called gay rights laws considered in idaho and oregon in idaho it's proposition number one and this is the way it's stacking up this would ban localities from passing laws that prohibit discrimination against homosexuals and we see in idaho and an oregon in both states it is failing this is in both states a victory for the gay rights movement and this is how it looks in oregon too on this night of seismic political change rick santorum republican senate winner in pennsylvania [Music] and i think we should give a hand for the new governor of pennsylvania tom ridge you folks worked hard you folks worked hard that was rick santorum as we said uh an upset winner over harris wafford the democratic incumbent let's talk about uh the balance of power in the united states senate and to cnn's own bruce morton mr morton judy well you couldn't have a balance tilt much more in the course of one

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tilt much more in the course of one evening than this just to sum it all up quickly here's the way the senate looked at the beginning of this election day 56 democrats 44 republicans they needed seven by now they've done better than that they've gained eight there are only two seats still undecided and the republicans are essentially certain to have control of the new senate with all of the changes in style and tone and agenda that that will mean back to the national desk thank you bruce there's going to be a big debate over who claims credit you're going to be seeing everybody christian conservatives parole voters the gun lobby anti-abortion movement the republican party everybody's going to say we did it we did it we did it well they're going to share the credit because they all had a hand in it and of course the question on the voter's mind will be will they can they govern and is it going to be different yeah frank sesno is at the house desk excuse me judy go ahead well bernie and judy i guarantee you it's going to be different certainly in the house of representatives coming into this election of course the democrats firmly controlled the lower chamber as they had for the last four decades but tonight it's been entirely different the democrats losing their 256 to 178 edge there are 113 seats undecided but already a net change of 28 seats going into the republicans column and cnn is estimating that the republicans will have no trouble uh gaining control of the uh house of representatives one quick point here we took aside those races across the country house races where the congressional uh with a christian coalition had weighed in so far of those 11 races we identified all 11 are going toward the republicans back to the national days all right in all this uh good news for the republicans there are a few rays of sunshine for the democrats in the state of hawaii cnn is saying that the democrats will hold on to the hawaii governor's seat ben cayetano who was a lieutenant governor is one that won that race that was a three-way race and he was in some danger it's a very democratic state but frank

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it's a very democratic state but frank fazi the the mayor of honolulu was a former democrat and he was running also on that ticket so the democrats really want a difficult victory in hawaii pat saiki the republican candidate of japanese ancestry was very very strong the republican party tonight weaving the threat of victory from the senate to the house of representatives and out to the state houses jane missouri has been watching all this she's been very busy as has been frank sesno and bruce morton gene tell us about this changing picture at the state house well this tectonic shift in political affairs is indeed extending to the governorship the democrats can feel the earth moving out from underneath their feet going into this election the democrats held 29 state houses the republicans had 20 and there was one independent the republicans have picked up 10 by our count they only needed six for a majority they have won all the big states except florida that gives them a big laid leg up for the 96 presidential election there's one race that's still outstanding that we want to take a look at and that's the state of maine this race is not between a democrat and a republican although there is a republican trailing in the race it's between democrats and independents right now we're going to go to new york and the winner of the new york governor's race thank you let me say no no no no no no no no no we are going i appreciate the sentiment but let me say that we are going to begin a new positive error for the people of this state be happy [Applause] tonight tonight we want a victory for all new york thank you so much and you won george pataki the upset winner in the

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george pataki the upset winner in the state of new york mario cuomo had appeared to have an edge going into the polls today and now we go back to the national desk that was a big big big big upset for the republicans we've got a lot to talk about governor's house and senate the numbers keep pouring in we're going to take a break we'll be right back and i'll dry my spilled coffee down there is that what happened yeah cnn sees a winner in that nevada senate race it looks like the incumbent 57 year old richard bryan will be going back to washington brian from las vegas beating back the challenge by the republican al fuhrman of las vegas yep this was a race that uh they were getting a little bit nervous about but it looks like the incumbent has managed to pull through the war on the west was an issue in this race but the democrats survived bill you've got some numbers on uh what it looks like nationally uh and in terms of explaining this

big change in the house of representatives well judy let's see what's behind it we found in our exit poll that only 44 percent of the voters nationwide approve of the job president clinton is doing 51 disapproved and among those who disapproved it was a huge margin 84 of them voted republican for the house of representatives so it appears that clinton was clearly a drag on the house candidates in his party now ross perot on larry king live a few weeks ago told his supporters he wanted them to vote for republicans for congress to give the republican party what he regarded regards as their last chance and what did they do they followed his orders two to one the the perot supporters from the 1992 election went republican over democratic in voting for the house of representatives finally perot says he's the leader of the independence well independence voted republican 57 to 43 over democrats we rarely see this in every house election i can remember independent voters voted majority for

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independent voters voted majority for the democrats this time they've switched if ross perot wants to fashion himself the leader of the independence remember his message was we're going to give the republicans one chance this is their last chance to see if they can govern from congress and if they can't do what they promised to do ross perot says he's going to form a third party of those independents you said a minute ago ross perot was one of those who would be trying to take credit and what you're saying is he can take some credit he can take some credit for this rhode island governor's race bernie i'm hearing we have a result in let's look and see lincoln almond an open seat this is a pickup for the republicans more good news bill schneider for the republicans and the governors lincoln almond is a moderate republican his opponent was a liberal woman candidate murthy york the democratic incumbent governor rhode island bruce sumner was defeated by york in the primary uh he had gotten into a lot of personal problems and it's pretty clear that lincoln almond was the candidate of change and also got the moderate vote in that heavily democratic state now if you have been wowed by all of this historic political news think about the hard-working people who were the brains behind our coverage i'm going to go downstairs and check on our political director tom hannon and chris carino of our political unit and karen desauer to see if these folks are still alive it's quite a night we're not going anywhere please don't you when we come back after this commercial break the capital gain welcome to washington uh this is the capital gang and i am al hunt mark shields it's been an extraordinary night for the republicans we've heard a lot about the taking over the senate a pickup apparently have about eight seats the governorships are obviously terribly important they're going to pick up a net gain of 10 control eight of the top ten but it seems to me far and away the most important story is for the first time in 40 years they can control the house

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40 years they can control the house i guess you're right now it is i mean it is it is truly historic i mean there's only one person on this panel who was even alive it's been 40 years i mean it's almost been a permanent arrangement in washington bob michael is retiring retired this year as a republican leader he never served in the majority 38 years 38 years it is it is truly history he was well fitted to be in the minority and i think newt gingrich is well fitted to be in the majority i i think the interesting thing about newt gingrich is as long as we're not going to have the joy of ollie north and the senate and perhaps we won't have margaret's favorite michael huffington in the senate uh to the the person who is most obnoxious the political correctness in this city will be gingrich he will drive you nuts because he is he believes in things he believes in forcing things he's not going to be a sit-down leader as the most of the republican leaders have been including the ones i remember when the republicans did control the house they're going to have some very tough action programs it's going to be a a very lively time in the house representative everybody says well they won't do anything i think they're going to do a lot and i think they're going to they're going to have some very very sweeping tax legislation which is going to prove a problem for president clinton it's an improved problem because they're going to cut taxes market for the rich people and that's going to be a problem for bill bill clinton huh well i i want to defer to gramps here on on on this historian this historic moment but newt gingrich is is going to have to learn how to lead now and he's going to have to temper this personality of his which is

is combative and good on the outside but may not necessarily he's going to have to grow into leadership i mean he touched bottom over the weekend when he uh blamed democrats for susan smith killing her two children she didn't seem to bother the voters did it

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to bother the voters did it well i think i think voters didn't know or voted no the president is screaming about it all weekend the democrats yeah i think it was news he said that don't you he won despite yeah but it wasn't the end of the earth and it certainly wasn't anything that that i mean i heard so much speculation this was going to affect the election again well contrary to what margaret said i think actually that the danger now is that the country having spoken very loudly saying that we want the end of business as usual in washington and i think this is really an expression of the fermenting discontent about the state of the culture about crime i think crime was a very important issue in a lot of these races but that much having been done i think that there's a danger republicans in power will get fearful we'll say well we don't want to seem like the party of the religious right they may not be bold enough for what the electorate has been demanding and that's a danger that i don't think is going to be talked about in the next few days but it's a real one shield you'll stay on newt gingrich for a second and uh i'd like you to to give your view as to whether he's the person for the times whether he's the person that cannot there's no there's no question that newt gingrich uh was able to persuade a lot of republicans who had accepted their minority status as a as a condition a permanent condition that they could do something about it now as an insurgent one does things that are provocative that get headlines that get attention i could not agree more than with margaret in her statement what he said what he said about susan smith i mean it is it is excessive it is wrong it is offensive uh it is absolutely inaccurate just in case people don't yeah union south carolina who has confessed to the authorities to infanticide which is about as as horrendous a crime as one can imagine and newt gingrich over the week equated this to the democratic climate and that one wanted to change this climate one had to vote republican let me just say well can i just say let me say no no no no because i want to change the subject just for a second i want to stay on it but basically we have talked now

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talked now about you know what this is going to mean we talked about you what is going to happen what is the house going to do i mean bob you briefly mentioned the taxes could you elaborate on that yeah i'm just going to say it's briefly in washington that we we've just had the first republican victory of the house representatives in 40 years and we're dwelling on on a few words that let me say that the house majority leader is going to be dick army in all probability uh and uh this is going to be the first time in history of the country that you had a speaker and a majority leader who not only are both phds not too many of your hacked democrats have phds i would say but people who actually believe in something and what and what they're going to what they're going to be pushing very hard is real welfare reform not phony welfare reform that costs more you're going to be a cut in the capital gains tax there's going to be an increase in the personal exemption that's called a middle class tax cut and there's going to be a massive uh cut in the federal budget because they are going to pass a balanced budget amendment and once they cast the balance of the budget amendment they're going to have to put it on the line for how they're going to cut the budget how will the clinton white house greet that kind of activity well you know uh if it adds up uh i i can see where clinton's gonna cooperate with uh these academic elites that are now coming in um in with the house republicans um but you know there's some things that he's just going to veto he's he's he i as much as you want a capital gains tax cut and you see it on the horizon i can't see clinton uh not vetoing a capital gains taxes what we're doing is we're cutting capital gains where we're excuse me cutting medicaid in order to pay for capital gains tax cut i think that's going to be kind of tough what if he has an increase in the personal exemption and tied into it oh i think there's a real possibility of a deal on the personal exemption with the capital gains tax so he signs that you know you know potentially potentially a iteration of some of the legislation that we saw passed in the first two years of the clinton administration they may go back to motor

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administration they may go back to motor voter they may go back to uh um i lost my train of thought there was another one no not family no no no um sorry i thought yeah social security taxation and social security and the piano that was my point they wanted it's part of the contract with america to have a real crime bill that will seriously address crime i think that crime bill very badly damaged democrats in this midterm elections critical part and a very appealing part to voters of the contract uh that the republicans put out was term limits mark it it was and it's going to be interesting to see the tension now that the republicans are in control of both houses you have for example bob dole the republican leader in the senate has been there for 36 years uh you have rick strom thurmond who will be chairman of the armed service committee he's been there for 38 years uh jesse helms will be chairman of foreign relations been there for 22 uh mark hatfield and appropriations in the house 28 years mr gingrich has been there for 18 years so at what point does term limits then become a little bit inconsistent if not hypocritical enact them immediately bob do you make them effect immediately do you make them just a perspective well i'm going to i'm going to i'm going to agree with that with mark on this one thing i think they are hypocritical on that because they don't believe in term limits but the american people do and you do and i do and they're going to insist that they do them you are the american people yes let me say one other thing about senator dole senator dole uh there's been a kind of a underground undercurrent of tension leading up to this election whether senator doe would be permitted to become majority leader if they can't if they captured a majority and run for president at the same time he said on meet the press last sunday he was going to do both i've been checking around nobody is going to cross him they're going to let him do both that's true if that's true don't you anticipate great tension between senator dole and speaker gingrich that's always possible but um but senator dole i think uh will be drawn to the right by the results of this election i mean he's he's very very good at putting his ear to the ground and i think he will be facing a uh a republican senate that is a much of a much different character

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a much of a much different character already been drawn to the right i think it's not going to be so much philosophical as temperamental dolan gingrich are very they just don't like each other no but but you know joel wants and compromise i mean that's his natural inclination uh gingrich can conceive himself as revolutionary ask let me ask one quick question uh who will be the house minority leader uh in 19 in january dick campbell take care part everyone question about what happens uh well of course we we we don't know at this moment we assume that you're supposed to be he's more likely to lose but if anything he does win i don't think he'll be all right who will be the who will be the center minority leader i would assume tom daschle because he's the only one running but i'm not sure i think it's it's open let me know let me ask you what effect does this election have on 1996 margaret well it depends how clinton manages to work with these people i mean he may run against congress and that may be a good thing to do okay i think in the last time this happened when the republicans took over after the 1946 election they enacted a great program of legislation taft hartley and a lot of good other progressive measures which was repu repudiated by the republican presidential candidate dewey and they lost to truman i think this time uh whatever this congress passes will be supported by the presidential candidate or the republicans in 96 would be an asset for him after after 40 years we finally have a unique analysis of the 48 elections apparently there's a progressive measure that's an interesting thing what it means al is the republican race is wide open this is an absolutely unstructured unfocused race and let me tell you newt gingrich his final aspirations are not with the speakership he wants to run for the presidency what will determine though i mean it looks like a slam dunk that clinton will lose in 1996 from this vantage point now but but that is not necessarily in the cards and i think everything depends upon how republicans conduct themselves in the leadership

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conduct themselves in the leadership positions they've just won let me tell you this i think that that is as painful as it's going to be the next couple months i think it's good for bill clinton in 96 the republicans controlled both houses it would have been it would have been worse for him if they almost got in control it's good for america too isn't it well bob that that depends on what they do if they act responsibly of course it'll be good for america and we all can hope that we will be back saturday night at seven o'clock eastern time

we think uh this is al hunt saying goodbye for the capital gang and back to uh bernie and judy at the national desk all right thank you al hunt we have so much uh really as much as we've reported there's still a lot out there the feinstein huffington right not race not resolved proposition 187 the anti-immigrant measure not resolved we don't know about the race of speaker tom foley there's still more news to be reported tonight my headline out of this as a reporter would be for the second time in two years american voters have told washington change if you don't we will change you i think there's a mandate here i'm not sure it's a mandate to move to the right i think the mandate is that they want action and they'd like to see bipartisanship republican congress democratic president let's see if they can work together it's going to be a big problem for bill clinton republicans in congress could isolate themselves on the right the democrats who are left in congress could be are more liberal than the ones who were there in the last congress they could leave the center to bill clinton where he always works out best what does bill clinton think about all this tomorrow at 2 30 p.m eastern time the president will hold a news conference cnn will carry it live coming up next here in these seats to continue our non-stop coverage lyndon sold's mary tillotson i'm bernard shaw i'm judy woodruff and on behalf of bill snyder we thank you all it's been quite a night cnn's coverage continues

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